



OPEN

As we near the end of this series (one more week to go), this week's passage is not about one person's life being changed but two – two daughters whose stories are intermingled. The first woman we look at is the woman who suffered an abnormal period that lasted 12 long years – that is until she was healed and called a 'daughter' by Jesus. The second was a young girl, the daughter of Jairus, who died before Jesus reached her, only to then be raised back to life. The first woman's story is sandwiched in Luke's gospel by the story of the second. Both the woman with the issue of blood and Jairus, the father of the little girl, had to press into Jesus and not let the crowd choke out their faith. When each came to Jesus, Jesus' power to save – his power to both heal and restore – was released into their lives. Will we do the same? That is the question we take away.

REFLECT

- In verses 40-42, the story of the first daughter is described. Imagine together the details, feelings, state of mind, and faith orientation of the dad. What do you see?
- In verses 43-48, the story of the second woman is told. How difficult a life had she been living? What barriers would she have had to 'break' to come to Jesus? Why was she afraid?
- Why would the question Jesus asks in v. 45 have been a little difficult to answer based on the circumstance? What kind of 'touch' was Jesus really asking about given the situation? How could Jesus not have known who it was?

DISCUSS

- There are some things in life that are difficult to talk about because they are embarrassing – especially some medical conditions. What was the condition in this passage? What would have made it hard to talk about?
- How can we help others talk about or feel comfortable or safe to talk to about a difficult personal matter? Discuss.
- After the woman is healed and bravely admits that it was her who touched Jesus, what is the 'word' Jesus gives her – a word Jesus doesn't give anywhere else in Luke's gospel? Why could this have been a powerful word for her?
- In Romans 8:15, it talks about a related spirit of 'adoption.' What is Paul talking about and why is this so important for each of us to receive and apprehend in our heart?
- From Jesus' words, how do we need to look at death?
- Again, this is another story of exercising faith to receive from Jesus. Talk about the various ways faith is exercised on the part of the woman and Jairus in this story and what we can learn from them about us exercising faith in Jesus.

APPLY

- In the passage, there are two different ways Jesus was approached (by the woman & Jairus). What is your typical posture or mindset when you approach Jesus?
- Both the woman and Jairus had to 'push' past the crowd to come to Jesus for their need in different ways. What is one thing you need to 'push' past to come to Jesus?
- What thing in your life do you need to believe Jesus for and what are the obstacles of faith you need to confront?

PRAY

- For part of your prayer time, ask God for courage and wisdom to share difficult matters with trusted others, that you might not battle life alone.
- Prayer that Wellspring would be a safe community for people in difficulty that helps people 'come to Jesus.'