

Luke 8:40-48

⁴⁰ Now when Jesus returned, a crowd welcomed him, for they were all expecting him. ⁴¹ Then a man named Jairus, a synagogue leader, came and fell at Jesus' feet, pleading with him to come to his house ⁴² because his only daughter, a girl of about twelve, was dying.

As Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him. ⁴³ And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her. ⁴⁴ She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped.

⁴⁵ 'Who touched me?' Jesus asked.

When they all denied it, Peter said, 'Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you.'

⁴⁶ But Jesus said, 'Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me.'

⁴⁷ Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed. ⁴⁸ Then he said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace.'

⁴⁹ While Jesus was still speaking, someone came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. 'Your daughter is dead,' he said. 'Don't bother the teacher anymore.'

⁵⁰ Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, 'Don't be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed.'

⁵¹ When he arrived at the house of Jairus, he did not let anyone go in with him except Peter, John and James, and the child's father and mother. ⁵² Meanwhile, all the people were wailing and mourning for her. 'Stop wailing,' Jesus said. 'She is not dead but asleep.'

⁵³ They laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. ⁵⁴ But he took her by the hand and said, 'My child, get up!' ⁵⁵ Her spirit returned, and at once she stood up. Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat. ⁵⁶ Her parents were astonished, but he ordered them not to tell anyone what had happened.

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Whatever it takes. Luke 8:40-48

Don't let people stop you. 42 "crowds almost crushed"

Don't let problems stop you. 43 "but no one could heal her"

Don't let personality stop you. 47 "seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling"

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You can make it count for something. Luke 8:40-48

Make your time count. 43 "twelve years"

Make your touch count. 44-45 "touched Me"

Make your testimony count. 47 "she told all"

He wanted her public confession. 47

He wanted to bless her. 48

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Well, I never! Luke 8:40-48

I never get lost in a crowd. 42
I never get beaten by events. 43
I am never far from help. 44
I am never far from embarrassment. 45-47
I am never far from opportunity. 47
I am never far from affirmation. 48

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Faith facing up to reality. Luke 8:40-48

Real faith is focused on Jesus. 40 “welcomed Jesus... expecting Him”
Real faith is expressed in action. 44 “came... touched”
Real faith brings positive change. 44 “bleeding immediately stopped”
Real faith uses Divine resources. 46 “power gone out from Me”
Real faith gives a public testimony. 47 “In the presence of all the people, she told”
Real faith brings ongoing benefits. 48 “faith has healed you. Go in peace”

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I need a piece of peace. Luke 8:40-48

“Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.” Luke 8:48
Peace needs realistic expectations. 40 “welcomed Him... expecting Him”
 Realistic expectations are built on knowledge
Peace needs realistic hope. 44 “touched the edge of his cloak”
 Freedom from fear
Peace needs real answers. 44 “immediately her bleeding stopped”
 Peace begins where problems end
Peace needs real challenges. 45 “Who touched me?”
 Without challenges it’s just complacency
Peace needs real boldness. 47 “came trembling and fell at his feet”
 Deep peace begins as weak peace
Peace needs a real testimony. 47 “In the presence of all, she told”
 Faith develops internally as it is displayed externally

Peace needs real assurance. 48 “your faith has healed you. Go in peace”
Go to the source for the supply

Other possible titles

Doing it deliberately
Here is your hope
Hope for the hopeless
Interrupting God when He’s busy
Interruptions as opportunities
Jesus is really hard on me
Keeping your dreams alive
Old ewes and little lambs
Taking time
This changes everything
When you have lost all hope
How long will you wait?
When annoying people get in the way
My need is bigger than your need
 Apparent need
 Actual need
What will people think?
 I don’t care what people think, because it’s not about me. 41
 I’m scared about what people think, because it’s about me. 47
The slavery of expectations
Shedding excess baggage (sinking boat)
 Personal Pride. 41
 Fear. 50
 People. 51
God’s help – but only on His terms
What does faith look like?
Hopeless cases
Being cruel, to be kind
faith concealed faith revealed
Similar, but different. 8:42,43 “twelve”

A promise is a pre-fact looking for faith and fulfilment.
 Promise to cross the lake. 8:22,25
 Promise (implied) to heal the girl. 8:42,50

Possible titles for the unnamed woman, only
 Experiencing an unseen miracle. 8:42b-48
 I hate witnessing. 8:44,47
 I am that individual among this crowd. Luke 8:42b-48

Possible titles for Jairus and his daughter, only

He said, "Just believe." But what am I supposed to believe?

Believe she is alive? But that is to believe a lie is the truth!

Am I dead or asleep? 52

How to know when you are dead. 8:55

Music and songs

Songs about touch

He touched me

Reach out to Jesus, He's reaching out to you. CWH 2

To get a touch from the Lord is so real

Songs about faith

Have faith in God, Ot 80

I serve a risen Saviour... you ask me how I know

I walk by faith. Ot 32

My God is real

We; we are God's people... By grace we are saved through faith... Ot 6

Songs about God's power

God can do anything but fail. CWH 45

In His time

Songs about testimony

As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. Ot 84

Everybody ought to know. HCJ 43

Go forth in His name. 72

I believe in Jesus, Ot 60

I love to tell the story. H 653

I saw the light.

I'll tell the world. CWH 62

Jesus put this song into our hearts

Now I belong to Jesus. CWH 40

O happy day that fixed by choice. HCJ 92

This little light of mine. Ot 83

We've a story to tell to our neighbours (to the nations). H 353

Discussion Questions

1. What was the relationship between Jesus and the people in Luke 8:40? Why was it so? Is it possible to replicate that attitude today?

2. The woman touched Jesus in 8:44. List some ways in which it is possible for us to 'touch' Jesus today. Then read Hebrews 4:15-16. How does this text confirm your list?
 3. Read Galatians 2:20. What is the driving principle for me to live a transformed life? Jesus was crucified 2,000 years ago, how can I possibly be crucified with Him?
 4. What title is given to Jesus in Galatians 2:20, and is it significant in the context of this verse?
 5. Read Ephesians 1:3. What resources – specific resources – have been provided for every believer? How can I access them?
 6. Jesus demanded the woman come forward and make a public statement of her actions (Luke 8:45-48). Why be so cruel?
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Commentary

hemorrhage

Leviticus 15:19-30

When a woman has a discharge of her blood for many days at a time other than her menstrual period, or if it continues beyond her period, she will be unclean all the days of her unclean discharge, just as she is during the days of her menstruation. Leviticus 15:25
