

The Gospel According to Luke

RAISED TO LIFE

PART 9

Healing while healing

READ LUKE 8:40-56

INTRODUCTION

It is always interesting to read these passages of Scripture and to realize that Jesus was always working. He was always on the move and He was always ministering to people. It is rare to see Him rest and we never see Him take a holiday. He was consistently ministering to and serving the people. This was no different here as He was asked to heal Jairus' daughter. The desperation for Jairus was palpable. He knew that Jesus was the only hope that his daughter had and was willing to fight through crowds to get to Jesus. This is something that we do not experience today.

It is a strange thought for us to think of a man having to struggle through a crowd of people to get to Jesus physically and yet, it is not so uncommon for us to struggle to get to Him in other ways. Our world rips us in so many different directions with valid and invalid distractions. We are busy with work and family, we have multimedia at every turn and it is very rare for most people to have significant amounts of time to spend in silence, pursuing Jesus. Even when we can make that time, it is often spent listing things that we need from Him and not spent glorifying Him for all that He has done.

This is not a rebuke. It is just a reality of our world. Jairus had to make a decision that he was going to get to Jesus and beg Him to help. Jesus, as usual, immediately went to help. This still ended in Jairus' daughter needing more than was originally asked. She died. Jesus was no longer needed. There would have been a temptation to just move on and let Him go about His business and yet, Jesus was not finished with the little girl. We must not allow our circumstance to define whether or not we worship Him. We cannot know what He knows and we do not know what He desires for us sometimes. His ways are not our ways and His thoughts are not our thoughts. This is an encouragement and should spur us on to passionately pursue Him.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think Jesus was constantly ministering? Does He encourage us to rest? Should we rest? Why or why not?
2. What do you think Jairus' thought process was as he went to Jesus? Have you ever been desperate for help like he was? When and why?
3. How do we struggle to "get to" Jesus? Is it worth the struggle? Why? Is there value in our perseverance?
4. How much time do you spend with Christ? Have you made excuses to spend less time with Him? How can you increase your time and the value of that time with Him?
5. Have you ever thought that Jesus was done when He wasn't? What purpose does He have with allowing us to be patient? How can we be patient and yet seek Him out actively?

WRAP UP

Jairus could have been frustrated with the woman who was bleeding. He could have been impatient with Jesus and demanded that He help. What we see is a man who was just desperate for Christ to show up. There was no pretense and just a pure desire to see his daughter healed. This is something we should remember when seeking the Lord's help in every aspect of our lives.