

(The Message Outline continued)

1. **Status.**

And a woman was there...a man named Jairus, a synagogue leader...

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Luke 4:18-19 (see Isaiah 61:1-2)

2. **Words.**

Pleading with him to come to his house...She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak...

3. **Urgency.**

A girl of about twelve, was dying...a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years...

4. **Story.**

She told why she had touched him...he ordered [the parents] not to tell anyone what had happened...

5. **Reverence.**

Jairus came and fell at Jesus' feet...Then the woman came trembling and fell at his feet...

6. **Faith.**

"Daughter, your faith has healed you"... "Don't be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed."

*"I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!" **Mark 9:24***

Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you."
Luke 18:42 (NIV)

He gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases. **Luke 9:1 (NIV)**

THE INCREDIBLE STORY OF GOD'S AMAZING LOVE

ACT 3: THE FULFILLMENT

HEALING THE SICK

LUKE 8:40-56 (NIV)

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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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS—WEEK OF JANUARY 26, 2020 THE FULFILLMENT—HEALING THE SICK

CONNECT

- Reflecting on the past couple of days, where did you experience the presence or power of God?

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE: Music Meditation - *God with Us* by Bryan and Katie Torwalt
Print lyrics for the group to use as they listen (see Leader Notes).

Opening: Spend a moment before beginning this meditation to be still, opening yourself fully to the Spirit of God.

Leader:

1. Take a deep breath in; imagine the grace of God filling your lungs, your heart, your mind, your body and your soul.
2. Exhale; imagine you are breathing out the peace of Christ, filling the space around you and blessing one another. Repeat.

Listen prayerfully: Play *God with Us* from the playlist.

Individually: (Journal your thoughts)

- **Reflect:** Circle the words that stand out to you. In what way do those words speak to the current concerns of your heart and life?

- What is it you sense God is inviting you to believe is true about Jesus' presence and power?

- **Respond:** Imagine Jesus stopping to listen to your request, what miraculous healing would you like to ask for from Jesus? What words might Jesus say to you that would help you believe that God is with you?

Together:

- **Share:** What does this reflection inspire in you?

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

- Read Luke 8:40-56 aloud. Reflecting on this week's passage or message, how do they prepare you to face your own desperate situations?

- Reflect on each of the six words in the outline. What truths do they reveal about God's power, presence, and purpose?

(SCRIPTURE REFLECTION continued)

- Using the same words, compare the two healings. What do you learn about Jesus by reading these stories side-by-side and intertwined?

- What do you think Jesus is teaching the disciples about the Kingdom of God? What challenges or resistance does it reveal in their understanding of Jesus and/or discipleship?

- What would the disciples and crowd have missed if Jesus had acted on their perception of reality rather than his belief in God's power? What tempts you to trust your own perception of reality, rather than embrace a larger vision of God's activity in the world? What might it cause you to miss?

- What do these stories reveal about the good news of salvation that goes beyond the woman and girl who are healed, but impacts the people, the community, and our understanding of the church today?

- What comfort do you receive from the way Jesus treats the sick woman and Jairus' daughter? In what situation do you need to hear the words of Jesus, "Don't be afraid, just believe"?

- How might Jesus be inviting you to a richer, deeper place of faith? What could you do that might help your faith to grow and penetrate your mind and heart? What impact would that have on those around you?

PRAYER and BENEDICTION

Share your requests: Are there personal challenges the group can pray for this week?

Pray for one another: Ask God to expand your current level of trust and belief in his power to heal.

Closing Benediction: (Ephesians 1:18-19a)

May the eyes of our hearts be enlightened in order that we may know the hope to which he has called us, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. The peace of Christ go with you, Amen.

CHALLENGE—Continue to spend time with God daily (see Reading Plan or APP). For this week, consider pausing three times a day (morning, noon, night) to remind yourself of the daily scripture, to ask God for healing for you or someone you know, and to listen for God's comfort.