

ULC Sermon Study Resource
The Gospel of Luke // Jesus Raises
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Prayer: Pause for a few moments to go to the Lord in prayer. Ask that He would draw near to you in this time, and open your heart and mind to hear His Word.

Icebreaker: When you were younger, what did you want to be when you grew up?

Reading: Luke 8:40-56

Outline:

- I. Urgency of Crisis (v. 40-43)
 - a. Luke presents Jairus and the woman as equals here, both in the midst of crisis.
 - b. When our weakness is revealed in the face of suffering, we are able to recognize that Jesus is the source of our strength.
Q: How are Jairus and the woman similar and how are they different?
- II. Urgency of Faith (v. 44-48)
 - a. Jesus pauses to draw attention to the faith of the woman who touched his garment.
 - b. Faith in Jesus means that we put our life in his hands. We can then trust in God to act without imposing our own timeline or agenda.
Q: Why did the woman touch Jesus's garment?
- III. Urgency of Patience (v. 49-50)
 - a. Jesus encouraged the family of the girl to have patience, even when it seemed like the situation was hopeless.
 - b. Sometimes, we are called to have patient endurance and faithfulness in the midst of crisis.
Q: How does Jesus respond to the news of Jairus's daughter?

Reflection/Application Questions:

- 1) Have you ever run out of answers in a crisis? How did this affect your relationship with God?
- 2) Have you noticed that it is more difficult to recognize God's power when everything is going well in your life?
- 3) What does it mean to put faith in your faith, or to put your faith in miracles? Why would this lead to an unstable faith?
- 4) How do you react when you have prayed consistently for something that does not happen?
- 5) How does it make you feel to know that the gift of Jesus is greater than any miracle we could receive?

Suggestions for further study:

- 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 **Q: What does Paul discover in the midst of his crisis?**
- Hebrews 11:39-40 **Q: What did God have planned for these people?**

Closing Prayer: Gracious God, let us never make light of what we have received in Jesus. In Him we have something far more lasting than a miracle, we have the fulfillment of all of your promises. God, as we hear this word spoken, we ask that you would pour out your spirit on us, that we would cling always to Jesus. In your name we pray, Amen.