

Jesus the Healer

Don't worry... have faith



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15th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Luke 8:40-42; 49-56

AUTHOR

Luke, a Greek, Gentile Christian, and physician, wrote his gospel around A.D. 60, from Rome or possibly Caesarea. He also wrote Acts, which is a sequel to the Gospel of Luke. Luke was a close friend and companion of the apostle Paul and wrote to Theophilus, which means one who loves God. Luke focuses on Jesus' relationships with people. His purpose in writing was to present an accurate account of the life of Jesus and to present Jesus as the perfect human and Savior.

CONTEXT

Jesus continues his ministry and has just returned from the region of the Gerasenes, across the lake from Galilee, where he had commanded demons to come out of a man. The crowds welcomed Jesus on his return as our scripture passage opens.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Luke 8:40-42; 49-56. What word or phrase stands out to you in this passage?
2. Who approached Jesus and what did he ask Jesus to do?
3. What was Jairus' demeanor? Can you imagine how he must have felt as he approached Jesus? What lengths would you go to if you were in the same situation?
4. What was Jesus' reaction to the news Jairus received?

5. When Jesus arrived at Jairus' house, what had happened to Jairus' daughter and what was the scene?
6. Why do you think Jairus would allow Jesus to enter into his house, knowing that his daughter was dead?
7. How did Jesus heal Jairus' daughter?
8. What role does faith have in the healing process?
9. Read Hebrews 11:1, 6. How would you describe Jairus' faith? Would it challenge you to have faith like that?
10. Jairus took a great risk by coming to Jesus publicly. He was a synagogue leader and was responsible for the services and for maintaining and cleaning the synagogue. It was unusual for a respected synagogue leader to fall at the feet of someone and beg him to heal his daughter. Have you ever been in a situation where you had to take a risk in coming to Jesus?
11. Jesus had great compassion for children. What children could you lift up in prayer today?
12. What might God be saying to you in this story?

ENCOURAGEMENT

The rewards of faith in Jesus always outweigh the risks we take for Jesus.

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