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### Luke 8:40-47ESV

#### Jesus Heals a Woman and Jairus's Daughter

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As Jesus went, the people pressed around him. <sup>43</sup> And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, and though she had spent all her living on physicians, she could not be healed by anyone. <sup>44</sup> She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, and immediately her discharge of blood ceased. <sup>45</sup> And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds surround you and are pressing in on you!" <sup>46</sup> But Jesus said, "Someone touched me, for I perceive that power has gone out from me." <sup>47</sup> And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. <sup>48</sup> And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace."

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#### Introduction:

#### Pressure cookers...

**Our Souls are pressure cookers of emotion, we need a release valve. God has got some good stuff in them cooking to perfection but in life we come under immense pressure so there has to a place to release that pressure. The problem though we all experience, is that 2 things: 1<sup>st</sup> we must not believe that Jesus is Glorious enough to outshine that what ails us , or 2<sup>nd</sup> He's not interested enough to care about what is breaking our hearts. What then happens in our lives is that all of our emotional turmoil is never released in constructive ways.**

Luke has been showing us a Jesus of immense power; over death, disease, devil, demons, and nature. These demonstrations of power are so that people would come to know that He was the Son of God, the King of this new Kingdom, but there is an important aspect to Jesus that Luke must show us, that our Lord and King is a **COMPASSIONATE** Lord and King. Unlike other leaders



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this leader stops, He listens, He cares, His work in you is not just to reveal the Glory of God but it is to tend to our souls for He cares about us.

This message in Luke is so important for the Christians in Luke's day for they were **hassled by the Jews**, across the Roman Empire, they were lied upon and reported to Roman leaders that they could not be trusted as citizens. **In some places this was making life hard, in some places it meant incarceration and some places death.** A couple of years later Nero would blame Christians for the fires in Rome which began open persecution and promoted hate against all Christians. Which then lead to an attitude of hostility against Christians culminating in the early 300s (250 years' worth) until God delivered the church from persecution at the hands of emperor Constantine. The church withstood those years because to them Jesus wasn't just a conquering, uncaring, untouchable emperor, but they had been taught that He was loving, relatable, empathetic reachable, and He provided for His people the emotional support to help them endure their trials. It was foretold on the OT that Jesus would be this type of king where all others had failed.

### **The Father promised we would get Him:**

<sup>15</sup> I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup> I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. - **Ezra 34:15-16 ESV**

### **Jesus proclaims the good news!**

<sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> - **John 10:14-16 ESV**

### **Here's what that good news looks like!**

<sup>28</sup> Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find **rest** for your **souls**. - **Matthew 11:28-29 ESV**

**GOSPEL** - We tend to think Jesus likes us better when we don't bother Him but the gospel is Jesus is pleased by our humble petitions because it means we are understanding that we are His, and Jesus loves to see His family grow! Going to Christ with your struggle is a sign of trusting in Him!



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Now let's look at today just a couple of examples how the Good Shepherd was compassionate to those around Him, so we are going to look at three different angles of Jesus' compassion and I am going to do it with the help of the letter T just because I haven't done that in a while.

### 1. Tenacity of Jesus' Compassion.

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Jesus had just returned from the other side of the lake where he cast out an army of demons from a man but He had scared the population because He threatened their normal way of life. So, He comes back to the place from where He came from, the place that He was escaping to get a little rest.

People pressing in on Him, waiting to be touched by Him, to address their medical needs, and it doesn't say He ran but He stepped right into it and while there got approached by a guy named Jairus.

Jairus the synagogue ruler, lead pastor, highest prestigious position in the town. Mosaic Law Magistrate working with the Pharisees and scribes to lead the Jews in everyday affairs. Jairus, in this act, abandons all he knows and comes to Jesus for help for to ask Him is to face the wrath of the religious elites. **How many of us I wonder would be willing to surrender our current lives if it meant we wanted true heart healing, a true-life change, that we would have to lose the lives we have been accustomed to, would you come to Jesus?**

Jesus doesn't send Him away, doesn't chastise Him, He embraces the mission as you will see next week Jesus is making His way through the crowd to go to Jairus' Home. Jesus was touched though for He saw the desperation of a man, known to be a ruler of the Jews, throw Himself at His feet. Jesus is never too tired to help those that come to Him like this, even those that have opposed Him. The Good Shepherd is never too tired to help, HE is tenacious in His pursuit of compassion.



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### 2. Touch of Jesus' Compassion.

Jesus is moving through the throng, ministering as He goes, headed now in the direction of Jairus' house, having every intention to go there but on the way something happens. A woman that had been ill for as long as Jairus daughter had been alive walks by Jesus and the word in Greek for touch means to **'grasp/cling'**. Then Jesus to everyone's surprise stops and asks "Who touched Him?" Peter is like "really?!"

**<sup>46</sup> But Jesus said, "Someone touched me, for I perceive that power has gone out from me."**

Jesus knew for someone had faith, that just by His touch He could make 12 years of misery go away.

12 years of not knowing her husband nor her family.

12 years of being kept out of the synagogue, most likely by Jairus.

12 years that Jairus enjoyed the life of his child she spent all her money on doctors with no results. Even after 12 years of loneliness and failures God granted her faith in the one that could help.

The woman comes forward because she knew she had been healed, she too falls to her knees, and tells the crowd why.

The touch of Jesus' compassion is so built into His nature that His nature releases it automatically to those that are in need of Him. BTW did you happen to notice that the two people that are getting help, maybe the most desperate there, are the ones that fall to their knees? Maybe you have not received the compassion of Christ yet because you have not truly felt the need for it yet.

But it's not over yet there is more to Jesus' compassion that I want to show us this morning.

### 3. Tenderness of Jesus' Compassion

There is a greater reward than finally getting the relief you were looking from this life.

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Jesus hears the story, sees her desperation and knows that only the Spirit could have lead her there. And right here, the only time Jesus does this He welcomes a Jew into His family. He calls her daughter, He recognizes her as person that has now come into His kingdom, and then He blesses more – "go in peace, that is the peace of God" your sins are forgiven.

This is the thing that we all want, yes we want relief from the pressure of life but if it lasts a lifetime it is worth it if I get to hear Jesus ay welcome loved one to my family.

**Here's what we are learning today so far:**

**We lose more by not going to Him for we will miss what we crave the most, God.**

Only God can satiate our loneliness, our misery, we can even suffer in it and its' ok as long as we know we belong to Him. We dwell with Him, we are secured by Him, we are known by Him, and He cares for us.

#### **Application:**

- Realize your emotional distress has been sovereignly designed to get your attention.

There are times in our lives where the pain seems unbearable but please understand that if it is a point of further sanctification it will be painful. Pain means change and change brings us further into the kingdom.

- Before you emotionally vomit on people release it to Jesus.

The next time you have got to tell someone about the only thing I am asking you is if you have first taken it to Jesus. So many times, we will go to people not to seek for answers but to vent about life's problems to "feel right" about a thing. The only thing other sheep can do is bleat with you they can't fix you. Go to Jesus first and see if HE does not reveal some faulty thinking or idols in your heart.

- Be aware that pressure cooking is a lifelong experience, share the recipes with one another.

Life is a giant pressure cooker but there are multiple things that God is cooking up. There are multiple issues that God is dealing with in your life so make sure you record each time you have a



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big break through, or a realization, or a big cry, and share that recipe with someone. Let God be glorified and see if you can help someone relieve a little steam from what they are enduring.

### **PRAYER**

### **COMMUNION**

### **BENEDICTION**

Go in the name of the Father that sent us the good shepherd because He hears our cries.

Go in the name of the Son that never tires in extending His compassion to His people.

Go in the name and power of the HS that leads us to Him and grants us the gift of faith, believing that Jesus does care and leads us into sharing that with others.