



## The Gospel According to Luke Wk. 40 "Compassion Pt. 2" By Pastor Jody May

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### Luke 8:40-56 ESV

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

<sup>40</sup> Now when Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him. <sup>41</sup> And there came a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue. And falling at Jesus' feet, he implored him to come to his house, <sup>42</sup> for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying.

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."

<sup>49</sup> While he was still speaking, someone from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." <sup>50</sup> But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she will be well." <sup>51</sup> And when he came to the house, he allowed no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. <sup>52</sup> And all were weeping and mourning for her, but he said, "Do not weep, for she is not dead but sleeping." <sup>53</sup> And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. <sup>54</sup> But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." <sup>55</sup> And her spirit returned, and she got up at once. And he directed that something should be given her to eat. <sup>56</sup> And her parents were amazed, but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

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#### Introduction:

Well I need to start out this morning with an apology, for something that I missed in the text. I could ask for a "Gimme" from you since May is the most hectic month of the year, but I think



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instead I am going to chalk this up to God's providential direction for what to say and when to say something.

I failed to mention an over-arching theme here in Chapter 8. It's all been about **FAITH!** In **Hebrews 11:1** it says: **"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."** - If one is convicted one acts on it. To Jesus this looks like people that obey what He says, for Luke it is showing people who initiate an action based on their convictions, **Faith is taking the initiative BY placing your dependence on God.**

- 8:1-3 - Luke starts with the example of a bunch of women that, by faith God would provide for them, left family and security and are now supplying for Jesus out of their means.
- 8:4-15 - Faith is what is produced when people "hear the word, hold it fast, and bear fruit from the use of it, you can say it is the first fruit that all Christians produce."
- 8:19-21 Jesus comments about his family and says His family are those that "hear the word of God and do it". Again, it is about hearing and obeying.
- **8:22-25** - Jesus calms the storm after the disciples move to Him out of a false faith, and he asks where is your faith.
- **8:26-39** - The Demons believe in Jesus, not a saving faith, but in who He was and responded with fear setting up the man to receive Salvation, by which He believed and wanted to leave with Jesus.
- **8:40-56** - Jesus heals a woman sick for 12 years after she reached out for him, she was forgiven and healed.
- **Jairus sought Him in faith, didn't give up in faith, and received more than he ever asked for.**

So, what we keep seeing over and over and over is that **1st FAITH** is the **first thing that comes up out of the fertile soil of our heart (4-15)** because **without it you get nothing else!** No Justification, No Repentance & Confession (Conversion), no Adoption, No Propitiation, No Expiation, No Sanctification, No Perseverance of the Saints, nothing... **2nd we have been learning and witnessing is what happens after people exercise faith.**

**Chapter 8 = FAITH is taking the initiative BY placing your dependence on God BUT along with it comes the exercise of PATIENCE.**



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**Why should we have Faith and practice Patience in Jesus when it comes to relying on His compassion?**

### **1. He never breaks a PROMISE...**

Jesus can't break His word once it is given for **His Word is the Father's Word**. He told Jairus she would be ok, and that He would go, and that did not change. Jesus was going to visit a living daughter not a dead one.

Because a situation changes does not mean that Jesus is no longer capable of doing what He already has said He would do. Let me suggest to all of us this morning, if we want to know and experience Jesus' promises let's point them out in scripture and work towards putting our lives in line with them.

Mat. 16:24-25 – **Eternal Life**; Follow Jesus, surrender your life, and you will find life.

John 6:37 – **Eternal Acceptance**; He will never drive you away.

Mark 10:29-31 – **Reward**; Maybe in this life but definitely in the next.

John 14:21 – **Revelation**; Discovery of who He is which fuels all of your life drive.

John 15:14-15 – **Friendship**; Obeying commands because we understand His will.

John 15:9-11 – **Joy**; trusting and obeying keeps us in His will producing satisfaction.

2 Tim. 3:112 – **Trials**; tests of faith produce character and hope, how we persevere

Sum that up = **Practicing Faith leads to a Discovery of Jesus' Promises for you.**

### **2. He always has the right PERSPECTIVE...**

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#### **Just a couple of things to think about here:**

First, Jesus remembers His promise, He doesn't agree with the diagnosis of death but gives a prognosis for life. **The Gospel of Jesus is that He doesn't believe in the dead ends of a sinful**



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**world but He believes that He is the dead end for death.** He has raised the dead in Luke once already He can do it again.

Secondly, when Jesus arrives, He walks into one of the most bizarre scenes in Jewish history a **professional funeral**. There were these professional flute players (Mat. 9:23) that were hired to play music that was all off key and in minor notes to set the tone, there were people wailing and crying to God that didn't even know the family, there were people with ripped clothes over the hearts of their tunics to show grief, **and into this Jesus walks into with the right perspective and tells everyone to shut it, she's not dead, she's just sleeping.**

Isn't great to serve a God that never takes what the world is telling Him, but He always has the right perspective on life every time!? So, remember this, being made into the image of Christ, never accept what the world says you can't change, put on the lens of the Gospel and look at the world with His perspective for the Gospel can change everything.

- Your money situation is not a smudge on your character or a testimony to your failures but a heart challenge to learn to trust Him more for your joy and kill the idol of money in your life.
- Your past moral failures were life lessons not dictators of your future, your actions don't necessitate your future Jesus does.
- Your health is not an indicator of God's pleasure in you, no it is an indicator that original sin lies in you just like everyone else, and Jesus always knows how to handle that, "we'll get you a new body someday, because I love you."

**Look, you can literally kill yourself over worrying about what people think of you or you can choose to initiate some Faith right now, and ask God to show you the Truth. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, that is true, but there is only one being qualified to make that call, Jesus, and He gave you what it takes to make you beautiful that even the Father loves to look at, Jesus' righteousness! To the Father you are wonderfully made and remade by the Son. Church do yourself a favor today believe in how Jesus perceives you and stop worrying about the world.**

**Practicing Faith will begin to make you accept how God Perceives you.**

**3. He is equipped with Divine POWER...**



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Jesus raised a widow's son and he began speaking - Luke 7.

Jesus raises Jairus' daughter and she started eating - Luke 8.

Jesus raises Lazerus and he needs new clothes - Luke 10.

All are signs that these people were dead and now are alive, the dead don't speak, don't eat, and need no clothes. Jesus is the power that conquers death. The Bible is also careful to record for us that Jesus walked and talked on the road with His disciples, He ate fish with them, and he had new clothes and a new appearance to show us our Jesus was dead but lives again.

I want to share with you the compassion of our Lord for death is the thing we all worry about but Jesus wants to take even that worry too.

### **1 Thes. 4:13-18 ESV**

#### **The Coming of the Lord**

<sup>13</sup> But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. <sup>15</sup> For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**I just want to point out one last thing, look at the parent's response -** <sup>56</sup> And her parents were amazed, but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.



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What you are seeing here is what happens when Jairus took that step of Faith, and I want to share with you the benefit of what happens when you take the initiative and practice FAITH it with patience.

In **Matthew 9:18** it records another part of the meeting between Jairus and Jesus:  
"My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live."

Then Jesus encourages Jairus with these words:

<sup>50</sup> But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she will be well."

Quite literally, Jesus tells Jairus in the Greek "Don't stop believing". He's telling Jairus, don't give up on your faith, there is a bigger pay off here than you know.

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Quite literally it means they were outside of themselves, shocked, and Jesus says don't tell anyone, I think that got something no one else got. They not only on that day got their daughter back but they received their hope and Salvation, the Messiah of Israel!

Nobody is a dead end for Jesus if He wills it, the power of creation is in His hand to wield.

**FAITH is taking the initiative BY placing your dependence on God + the exercise of PATIENCE, leads to the DISCOVERY of Jesus' Promises for you.**

### Application:

1. Start acting with initiative and stop being passive.
2. Be patient and watch for His lead.
3. Look for an end to the matter and ponder on the results.



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### **PRAYER**

### **COMMUNION**

### **BENEDICTION**

Go in the name of the Father that gives us enough Faith to start taking some initiative to get us to His Son.

Go in the name of the Son that encourages us by staying with us in our trials.

Go in the name and power of the HS that reveals the promises of Jesus we are receiving so we may commend them to others.



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