

# **“Daddy’s Girls”**

**(Luke 8:40-56)**

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## **I. Introduction**

### **A. Dads and daughters**

1. My four girls
2. The night Jennifer was born
3. How daddies love their daughters
4. Baby dedication

### **B. Two events...two daddys...two daughters**

1. The first daughter
  - a. The birth of a beautiful baby girl
  - b. She would be their only daughter
  - c. Born to a wealthy and powerful family
  - d. 12 years of unbelievable joy
  - e. And she was definitely a “daddy’s girl”
2. The other daughter
  - a. Was now a woman
  - b. Most of her life had been fairly normal
    1. ...until she began to notice the bleeding
  - c. Tried everything to cure it

1. Doctors
  - d. Diagnosed as incurable
  - e. Had now suffered with it for 12 years
  - f. Considered “unclean”
    1. Physically
    2. Socially
      - a. Couldn’t touch her husband
      - b. Couldn’t touch her children
      - c. Couldn’t touch anybody
    3. Spiritually
      - a. Couldn’t attend a synagogue or the Temple
      - b. Like banning you from church

### **C. Their two lives collide 12 years later**

1. The young girl was dying
  - a. She had gotten deathly ill
    1. Her dad watched as she slipped further and further
  - b. Her family had lots of money and power
    1. But no one could help her
  - c. Her dad’s desperate appeal to Jesus
    1. Begged for help
    2. Would give all he had to save her life
2. The woman’s desperate appeal for help
  - a. The same day

- b. Actually interrupted Jesus as he was going to see the sick girl
3. How and why was Jesus thrust into the middle of their lives?

## II. What we learned from Luke 8

- A. Jesus' power over nature
- B. Jesus' power over demons

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- C. Jesus' power over disease and death

## III. What we also learn about Jesus

- A. Jesus is Accessible (vs. 40-41)

*(40) Now when Jesus returned, a crowd welcomed him, for they were all expecting him. (41) Then a man named Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, 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.*

- 1. Jesus had returned to Capernaum
  - a. After the casting out of demons
- 2. Jairus
  - a. The ruler of the synagogue in Capernaum
- 3. Very influential man

*He was elected from among the elders. He was not a teaching or a preaching official; he had "the care of the external order in public worship, and the supervision of the concerns of the synagogue in general." He appointed those who were to read and to pray in the service, and invited those who were to preach. It was his duty to see that nothing unfitting took place within the synagogue; and the care of the synagogue buildings was in his oversight. The whole practical administration of the synagogue was in his hands.*

- 4. Had reached the end of the line

- a. His only daughter was dying!
  - b. Had tried everything, but to no avail
  - c. She was only 12 years old!
5. In desperation he reached out to Jesus
- a. Fell at his feet pleading for help
  - b. “My daughter is dying”
6. Jesus dropped what He was doing and took off
- a. God is accessible
  - b. He’s more accessible than your pastors
  - c. He wants to hear from you
    - 1. Because he genuinely cares
7. There was no time for delay
- a. But that’s exactly what Jesus did

## **B. Jesus is Available (vs. 42-48)**

*(42) ...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.*

- 1. Jesus was available to the powerful leader of the synagogue
  - a. But he was available to all people
  - b. Meet the second “daughter”
- 2. The woman with a “flow of blood”
  - a. Like bleeding from her period...yet non-stop
  - b. Possibly a fibroid tumor of womb
  - c. Mark said she had spent all of her money on doctors, but it only got worse.

- d. Luke who was a doctor, didn't mention that part!
  - 1. Just said it was "incurable"
- 3. A terrible condition
  - a. Ceremonially unclean because of the bleeding
    - 1. Must avoid all contact with other people
      - a. Rules given in Lev. 15:25-27
    - 2. Couldn't even go to the temple or synagogue
  - b. Physically anemic
    - 1. Bleeding for 12 years
  - c. She finally turned to Jesus
- 4. She worked her way through the crowd
  - a. She shouldn't have been in a crowd
  - b. Everyone she touched became ceremonially unclean
  - c. She no longer cared...she was desperate
- 5. She touched the edge of his cloak

***(44) She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped.***

- a. "edge" ("kras' - ped – on)
  - 1. Fringe, border, edge, or tassel
- b. These fringes were four tassels of hyacinth blue worn by a Jew on the corners of his outer garment.
- c. The idea of the fringe was two-fold.
  - 1. To identify him as a Jew***
  - 2. To remind him that he belonged to God.***

d. In later times, when the Jews were universally persecuted, the tassels were worn on the undergarment, and today they are worn on the prayer-shawl which a devout Jew wears when he prays.

e. It was the tassel on the robe of Jesus that this woman touched.

6. Why did she...and others...do it?

a. Malachi 4:2 prophesied that the Messiah would come with healing in his “wings”

b. “wings” could also mean the “tassels”

c. She was acknowledging that he was the Messiah

7. She touched one of his tassels and was healed immediately

a. More literally, she “clung” to the tassel

1. Same word as Mary Magdalene clinging to Jesus

8. The bleeding stopped...and so did Jesus

***(45) “Who touched me?” Jesus asked.***

a. It was as if everybody froze

b. Of course he knew who had touched him

1. But he wanted her to identify herself

9. The response of the disciples

***(45) ...When they all denied it, Peter said, “Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you.”***

a. There are hundreds touching you

b. He stopped to look around

1. Remember, they were in a hurry!

2. To help one of the most powerful men in town

3. The leader of a group which had vigorously opposed Him

a. What a coup to get Jairus on His side!

4. But He stopped!

—Why?—

***(46) But Jesus said, “Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me.”***

10. ***“Power has gone out from me”***

- a. From Christ to the woman
- b. Try to explain that!
- c. The power resident within us

11. Jesus was available to all

- a. To the ruler of the synagogue
- b. To the poor woman

12. The sinking of the “Titanic” in 1912

In *A Night to Remember* Walter Lord tells in detail the story of the sinking of the *Titanic* in April, 1912. There was an appalling loss of life, when that new and supposedly unsinkable liner hit an iceberg in the middle of the Atlantic. After the tragedy had been announced, the New York newspaper, *The American*, devoted a leader to it. The leader was devoted entirely to the death of John Jacob Astor, the millionaire; and at the end of it, almost casually, it was mentioned that 1,800 others were also lost. The only one who really mattered, the only one with real news value, was the millionaire. The other 1,800 were of no real importance.

13. Note the “double healing”

***(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.”***

- a. Already healed physically
- b. ***Daughter, your faith has healed you***

1. “sozo” (sode’ zo)
2. Your faith has “saved” you

c. Based on her faith

#### 14. “**Daughter**”

- a. The only person in the Bible Jesus called “daughter”
  - b. Daddies and their daughters
    1. Barry Rood and his daughter Jen....and Aila
- c. God’s love for us

### **C. Jesus is Astonishing (vs. 49-56)**

1. Meanwhile, the young girl died (v. 49)

*(49) While Jesus was still speaking, someone came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue ruler. “Your daughter is dead,” he said. “Don’t bother the teacher any more.”*

- a. “While Jesus was still speaking”
  1. Messenger arrived
- b. “Jairus...Your daughter is dead”
  1. Too late, now
  2. “Too bad He stopped for the woman!”
- c. Nothing the teacher can do now
  1. Death is so final and irreversible!

2. That didn’t stop Jesus (vs. 50-51 )

a. His words to Jairus

*(50) Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, “Don’t be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed.”*

- b. Jairus had faith mixed with fear
  1. Matthew 9:18

***While Jesus was saying this, a ruler came and knelt before him and said, “My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live.”***

- c. Jesus asked Jairus to keep on trusting him

***(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.***

- 1. Got the crowd out of the house
- 2. Took his inner team
  - a. They needed to see this
  - b. For their faith

- 3. The scene at the house (v. 52)

***(52) Meanwhile, all the people were wailing and mourning for her. “Stop wailing,” Jesus said. “She is not dead but asleep.”***

- a. The hired mourners were ready for her death
- b. Funerals had to start soon after death
- c. Hired “wailing women” to lead mourning
- 4. Jesus arrived and declared she wasn’t dead...but asleep

***(52) Meanwhile, all the people were wailing and mourning for her. “Stop wailing,” Jesus said. “She is not dead but asleep.”***

- a. “Sleep”....body awaiting a rising

- 5. Their response (v. 53)

***(53) They laughed at him, knowing that she was dead.***

- a. The mourners ridiculed him with scorn

- 6. The resurrection (vs. 54-56)

- a. Entered with the father and mother

- 1. As well as Peter, James, John

- b. Jairus had asked Jesus to “touch her”
  - 1. Jesus didn’t need to touch her
  - 2. But he honored dad’s request

***(54) But Jesus took her by the hand and said, “My child, get up!”***

- c. Said “Talitha Cumi” (Chaldean) – “Get up little girl!”
- d. Immediately she got up and walked

7. Her spirit returned (vs. 54-55)

***(55) Her spirit returned, and at once she stood up. Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat.***

- a. Her spirit returned from where?
- b. Note His practical compassion
  - 1. She’s hungry—feed her
  - 2. Everybody else was in shock
- c. The eating showed this was not an illusion
- d. And the celebration began!

8. Jesus is truly astonishing (v. 56)

***(56) Her parents were astonished, but he ordered them not to tell anyone what had happened.***

- a. “out of their minds with wonder”
- b. “hysterical”
- c. “terrified with amazement”

9. The strange request in verse 56

***(56) ...but he ordered them not to tell anyone what had happened.***

- a. What’s that all about?

- b. Once the people see the girl alive...they'll know
- c. Other times like the 10 lepers of Mark 1

10. My guess

- a. "You don't need to go out and announce what just happened"
- b. "Stay here and enjoy the moment"
- c. "Give thanks for the gift from God"

## IV. Summary

### A. Reasons for "Thanksgiving"

#### 1. *God is Accessible*

- a. To all people
- b. To the least important person here this morning
- c. You are precious to God

#### 2. *God is Available*

- a. Your needs are not an interruption to him
- b. I want my daughters to call with needs
  - 1. Because I love them
  - 2. This past week...Jennifer, Annie, Katie, and Candace
- c. God is anxiously waiting to hear from you

#### 3. *God is Astonishing*

- a. The love a father has for his daughter
- b. The love of Jesus for the one he called "daughter"
- c. God chose you to be a part of his "*forever family*"
- d. God's love endures forever

*Give thanks to the Lord our God and King  
His love endures forever*

*From the rising to the setting sun  
His love endures forever*

*Sing praise, sing praise*

*Forever God is faithful  
Forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us, forever, forever*

*4. God is Personal*