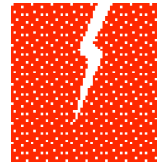


Luke 8:40-56

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JESUS' AWESOME AUTHORITY



A desperate man,
an official of the synagogue,
on his knees,
pleading,
pleading,
pleading,
for Jesus' visit.

A sick daughter,
an only daughter,
twelve years old,
dying,
dying,
from some sickness.

A scared man,
his daughter has gone on,
counselled not to bother,
believe,
believe,
believe,
for she shall be made well.

POWER
OVER
DEATH

GIRL
RAISED

ARE YOU RUSHING ABOUT?

We must note the way Jesus senses the use of His time in most urgent situations. The urgent are never more important than the less urgent. Urgency might change His direction but not His speed!

The multitudes were crowding around Him, but He didn't want to pass up an opportunity for ministry. Unfortunately, we rush about our lives looking for the fastest ways. Satan leads us to the highways to bypass the needs of those around us.



A Lesson And Life of Faith

Three great fears which terrorized man were calmly overcome by the authority of Jesus Christ. He possessed authority before His death and certainly all authority in heaven and on earth as our risen Lord.

A very sensitive illustration is given to encourage those of us with inadequate faith. Jesus said to that woman who had a hemorrhage for 12 years, "*Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.*"

There is no sin, sickness or situation that is beyond His power and seemingly not beyond our reach in faith.

- A sick woman has faith.

She is healed.

- Do the disciples have faith?

They are with Jesus wherever He goes.

- Do we ourselves have faith?

Is Jesus not with us too?

Hemorrhage & Impurity

"The woman's condition meant she had been continuously ceremonially impure for twelve years, and that by the law, her touching Jesus' garments would defile Him. She is understandably frightened when she learns that Jesus detected her act."

*A Ready Defense by McDowell, pp. 87.