

His Story, My Story - Session 3

Jesus Heals a Woman and a Girl (Luke 8:40-56)

Note to leaders: Buy from bargain store a pack of plastic animals.

Group building question

Scatter the animals on the table and ask people to choose two that would describe how their life has been so far.

The story three times

I am going to tell you a story from the Bible. We will hear it three times. The first time, I want us to imagine the story. The second time, I want us to remember the story. And the third time, you are going to help me tell the story. Listen carefully because you are going to have to help me retell it, and we'll also talk some more about the story afterwards. This story is told in Luke's Gospel.

First time

One time, Jesus crossed the Sea of Galilee, back up to Galilee. The people from Galilee welcomed him. In fact, they were waiting for him.

A man named Jairus came to him. Jairus was a leader of the local synagogue. A synagogue was the Jewish meeting place. Jairus and his wife had only one daughter. She was twelve years old, and she was dying. In front of the crowd of people, Jairus fell to his knees. He begged Jesus, 'Please come and heal my girl.' Jesus left with him. And the crowd went along. Jesus' disciples went too.

So they walked towards Jairus' house, and people crowded all around them. A woman was there who had an incurable menstrual disorder. She had been bleeding for 12 long years. Her illness had kept her miserable. It wasn't just that she was sick and losing blood. Also, in their religion it made her ritually unclean, so she was shut out from a lot of Jewish life. She had spent all her money on doctors, but no doctor could heal her.

The woman came behind Jesus and touched the bottom of his coat. At that moment, immediately, her bleeding stopped.

Jesus turned around and said, 'Who touched me?'

Someone said, 'Not me.'

Another person said, 'It wasn't me.'

Peter said: 'Master, there's all these people, and lots of them have touched you.'

But Jesus said: 'No somebody touched me. I felt power going out from me.'

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Jesus. Then she told her story in front of everyone—why she touched him, what happened as a result.

Jesus said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace.'

Right then, one of Jairus' servants arrived at the scene.

He said to Jairus: 'Your daughter has died! There's no need to bother the Teacher anymore.'

Jesus heard him and said to Jairus, 'Don't be afraid! Just believe and your daughter will be well.'

As they approached the house, they heard loud weeping, wailing, and crying. Jesus said, 'Don't cry; the child is not dead—she is only sleeping!' They all made fun of him, because they knew that she was dead.

Jesus told everyone to stay outside—everyone except Peter, John, James, and, of course, the girl's father and mother. Then Jesus went into the house.

Jesus took the girl by the hand and said out, '*Talitha kum.*' (sounds like Tahleetha koom).

That means, 'Young girl, get up!'

Her life returned. She started breathing again, and she sat right up.

Jesus said: Get her something to eat.

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Third time

OK this time you get to tell the story. Let's tell it together as a group.

Discussion

We are going to be answering six questions. I am not the only person who will ask the questions. We will take turns to do that. The rule is that everyone answers in a sentence or two.

Here are the questions.

1. What do you like about this story? Why?
2. What questions might someone have about this story?
3. What can we learn about people from the characters in this story? (sometimes I ask, what choices did the person have? What do we learn about them from the choice they made?)
4. What can we learn about God/Jesus from this story?

5. This week, what do you want to change in your life because of this story? State your answer in the form "This week I want to..."
6. Who else needs to hear this story?

You might actually like to show this clip after the third time through the story. Or else show it after the discussion before you pray. Google: Talitha Cumi/Jairus' Daughter by Alisha Colson



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