

"ReIntroduce" Series

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"Part 3: The God That Heals" | Luke 8:41–48 (NKJV)

41 And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house,

42 for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him.

43 Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any,

44 came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped.

45 And Jesus said, "**Who touched Me?**" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'"

46 But Jesus said, "**Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me.**"

47 Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately.

48 And He said to her, "**Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace.**"

Introduction

When we hear the word "healing," our minds often default to the physical. We think of a diagnosis, a doctor's report, or a visible ailment. We look for a cure for what has been categorized by medicine. But when we reintroduce the God who heals, we discover His method is one of totality. He is interested in making you whole—spirit, soul, and body. God's healing power is not confined to a hospital room or an operating theater. He operates where there are no operating rooms required. He is not a healer; He is healing itself. Therefore, He is not limited by a room, a person, a place, or a particular diagnosis. His process transcends our timelines and our understanding of what is possible. He is the God of holistic restoration.

Historical Context:

Setting the Scene for a Miracle

The Man

Jairus was not just any person; he was an "archon" or ruler of the synagogue. This was a position of immense respect and responsibility in a first-century Jewish community. He was in

charge of the building, the services, and overseeing the teaching. His coming to Jesus, a controversial teacher, was a significant act of desperation and public humility.

The Setting

The events unfold in Galilee, likely near Capernaum, a hub of Jesus' ministry. This was a bustling area, and Jesus' fame for teaching and miracles was at its peak. This explains the massive, pressing crowd that surrounded Him.

The Culture

This was an honor-shame society. Jairus risked his reputation by publicly pleading with Jesus. Furthermore, ritual purity was paramount. The woman with the issue of blood was considered perpetually unclean, making her an outcast. Her touch would have rendered anyone else ceremonially unclean, adding layers of risk to her act of faith.

Point 1:

It's Not the Clock—It's Your Confession

Our focus is often on the "how long," but God is focused on the "how strong"—how strong is your faith? We serve the Creator of time; He is never limited by a calendar or a clock. The delay is not a denial when your faith is speaking louder than your circumstances.

Jairus's daughter was dying, and the woman had been suffering for 12 years. Both situations were urgent, but God's intervention wasn't dictated by their timeline, but by their faith.

Additional Scriptures

Mark 5:36: "Do not be afraid; only believe." Jesus redirects Jairus's fear into faith, showing that faith is the required response, regardless of the report.

Habakkuk 2:3: "For the vision is yet for an appointed time... Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come, it will not tarry." God has a divine appointment for your breakthrough.

Hebrews 11:1: "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Faith gives substance to what you can't yet see.

Mark 11:22–24: Jesus links believing you have received with the act of receiving. Your confession of faith precedes the manifestation.

Application & Cautions

Cultivate Faith: Actively build your faith by staying in the Word, committing to prayer, surrounding yourself with a faith-filled community, and rehearsing God's past faithfulness (testimonies).

Caution: Faith is not a magic formula to manipulate God. It is a confident trust in His character and sovereignty, even when His timing and methods differ from our expectations.

Quote: *"You're not waiting on God; God is waiting on your faith to give Him the permission He needs to move in your life."*

Point 2:

Stop Spending Life to Save It

The woman "spent all her livelihood" on physicians and "could not be healed by any" (Luke 8:43). She exhausted every resource—financial, emotional, social—trying to fix her situation on her own terms. We do the same when we substitute religious activity for relational reliance. We try to out-give, out-praise, out-serve, or out-speak in tongues, thinking our effort is what earns our healing.

Livelihood refers to your whole manner of life—your resources, energy, and time. She spent everything that sustained her life, only to find herself getting worse.

Our striving is spiritual bankruptcy. Grace invites us to come as we are, not as we think we should be.

Additional Scriptures

Isaiah 55:1–2: "Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy?... Eat what is good."

God offers freely what we cannot buy.

Ephesians 2:8–9: "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." Your healing is a gift to be received, not a wage to be earned.

Psalm 127:1–2: "Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it... It is vain for you to rise up early, To sit up late, To eat the bread of sorrows; For so He gives His beloved sleep."

Application

Surrender Striving: Identify the areas where you are trying to earn God's favor through works. Confess that your effort is not the source.

Spirit-Led Stewardship: Shift from spending on a solution to stewarding your life in submission. Let your worship and service flow from a place of receiving grace, not earning it.

Quote: "Your breakthrough isn't at the bottom of your bank account or at the end of your effort; it's at the end of yourself."

Point 3:

When Faith Grabs, Power Gives

Jesus's question is profound: "Who touched Me?" When His disciples were confused, He clarified, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me" (Luke 8:46). The crowd was pressing, but only one person was pulling. Her faith made a demand on the power that was resident in Him. Faith is the conduit that transfers God's power (dunamis) to our point of need.

The power that resurrected Christ from the dead is the same power available to us. Maybe the issue isn't a lack of power on God's end, but a lack of connection on our end.

Faith is not the currency we use to buy power; it's the conductor that allows it to flow.

Additional Scriptures

Ephesians 1:19–20: Paul prays we would know "what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead."

Acts 10:38: "...how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him." Jesus was the carrier; faith was the connector.

James 5:15–16: "And the prayer of faith will save the sick..." It's not just prayer; it's the prayer of faith.

Application

Pray in Faith: Move beyond just listing needs to declaring God's promises over your situation.

Align Your Confession: Speak what God's Word says about your healing, not what your feelings or symptoms say.

Obey the Prompts: Faith often requires an action. Like the woman who pressed through the crowd, be ready to obey the Holy Spirit's prompting.

Quote: "A crowd can press against Jesus and feel nothing, but a single touch of faith can pull everything."

Conclusion

In Luke 8:48, Jesus says two things to the woman: "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace." That word "well" is the Greek word *sōzō*. It means to be saved, healed, delivered, and made whole. It's not just a physical fix; it's total restoration. The word for "peace" is *shalom*. It means nothing missing, nothing broken. Jesus is offering you the same thing today. Not just a temporary solution, but complete wholeness (*sōzō*) and divine peace (*shalom*). It starts with one touch of faith—surrendering your life to Him. Your healing, your salvation, your peace is found in a person, not a process. His name is Jesus.