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## Healed by Faith Matt 9:18-26

### Lesson Background and Introduction

As Jesus dealt with crowds, He never lost sight of the individual (example: Matthew 8:1-3). Our text today witnesses to two examples in this regard. Both circumstances involve tragically common instances of human suffering. The events considered occurred after Jesus ended his response to a controversy over fasting. He was doing something fundamentally new in God’s plan, something that required people to lay aside the old (Matthew 9:16-17). This was no time for mourning and fasting but instead for rejoicing because God’s promised redeemer had arrived (9:15). The deeds that followed provided a glimpse of that newness in the kingdom of God. (Mark 5:21-43 and Luke 8:40-56 offer parallel accounts.) Matthew introduced the interaction between Jesus and the synagogue but then interrupted it with a second encounter before returning to the first story to wrap it up; the parallel accounts in Mark 5:21-43 and Luke 8:40-56 do so as well. By this arrangement, we note related themes in the two accounts. The themes are that of (1) a 12-year-old girl who had not yet attained womanhood when she died and (2) a woman for whom womanhood has become the source of suffering for as many years as the girl had lived. Certainly we all know that grief and suffering will come for us, even if we presently enjoy a moment of calm. The miraculous power of Jesus does not assure us that we will have no loss or pain. But our text tells us what we can do in the midst of suffering and loss: we can put our trust in the Lord. Our ultimate destiny is a life in which the Lord wipes away our tears (Isaiah 25:8; Revelation 7:17). We sometimes refer to Jesus as “the great physician.” But he is more than a great medical doctor who knows how to treat and cure diseases. There is power and authority in Jesus, power that eradicates not only disease but also death. There is the power and authority in the resurrected life in Jesus—power and authority for life both now and in eternity.

*(Adapted from the NIV Standard Lesson Commentary)*

**A Frantic Parent** - Jairus, one of the chief rulers in the synagogue, humbled himself before Jesus. As Jairus worshiped the Master, he also requested His help. Jairus's only daughter had died, but Jairus believed Jesus could restore her. Jesus, His disciples, and several followers immediately headed toward Jairus's home. However, along the way, a woman suffering from a severe illness came up behind the Savior, also seeking healing. Both Jairus and the woman believed in—and found—Jesus' life-giving power.

**A Suffering Woman** - This woman suffered from a disease that caused bleeding. She reached out to Jesus, even though as an unclean woman she should not have done that. Her situation dictated isolation from the public. Jewish law declared her ceremonially unclean, unfit to stand in the presence of a priest or religious leader (Lev. 15:26). Yet, she believed if she only touched Jesus' flowing garment or robe, she'd be delivered and made whole. That's precisely what happened. The sick woman touched His garment, and He healed her. Jesus turned, saw the woman, and spoke kindly to her. There was no need to be afraid, Jesus told her. He acknowledged her as a daughter and commended her faith in Him.

**A Healed Daughter** - Jesus continued to Jairus's house. The professional team of mourners had already gathered, and Jesus told them to leave the child's room. They laughed when Jesus said the girl was not dead, only asleep, but once everyone cleared the room, Jesus took the deceased little girl by the hand and restored her life. Every person on this earth is dead in his or her trespasses and sin (Eph. 2:1). On our own, we have no hope nor the possibility of deliverance from our sins. However, the Father sent His Son Jesus to be the life-giving source. He's ready to save those who choose to reach out to Him.

*(Adapted from the Echoes Commentary)*

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**  
Prayer is the soil in which hope and healing grow best

**POEM FOR THE WEEK:**  
Under His wings, what a refuge in sorrow!  
How the heart yearningly turns to His rest!  
Often when earth has no balm for my healing,  
There I find comfort, and there I am blessed. —Cushing

**SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK:**  
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort

(2 Cor 1:3 NKJV)

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### New Series: Confident Hope

**UNIT 1: Jesus Teaches About Faith**

#### NEXT WEEK

**Rescued from Doubt (Matthew 14:22-33)**

## NOTES AND CROSS-REFERENCES

### **Request for Healing (Matt 9:18-19)**

#### *Request during worship (18)*

- Request during worship with reverence (Ps 2:11)
- Request during worship in the splendor of God's holiness (Ps 29:2)
- Request during worship to bring glory to God's name (Ps 86:9-10)
- Request during worship to our God and Maker (Ps 95:6-7)
- Request during worship to serve God only (Matt 4:10)
- Request during worship in spirit and in truth (John 4:24)

#### *Request answered by Jesus' attentiveness (19)*

- Attentive because His eyes are on the righteous (Ps 34:15)
- Attentive because He knows the righteous (Ps 1:6)
- Attentive because He never sleeps, but is always vigilant (Ps 121:3)
- Attentive because He sustains those in need (Ps 146:9)
- Attentive because God's awareness is deliverance (Ps 33:18-19)
- Attentive because He know how to rescue (2 Peter 2:9)

### **Healing by Faith (Matt 9:20-22)**

#### *Faith of needs being fulfilled (20-21)*

- Fulfilled through eternal fellowship (1 Cor 1:9)
- Fulfilled because God always does what He promises (1 Thess 5:24)
- Fulfilled through Jesus being faithful over God's house (Heb 3:6)
- Fulfilled through hope (Heb 10:23)
- Fulfilled because He is the creator (Rev 3:14)

#### *Faith answered by healing (22)*

- Healing physically (Matt 14:14)
- Healing spiritually (Isa 53:5)
- Healing through His abiding (John 15:1-4)
- Healing through prayer, repentance and obedience (2 Chron 7:14)
- Healing through His compassion (Matt 14:14)

### **Restoration of Life (Matt 9:23-26)**

#### *Life is full of crowds who do not understand (23-24)*

- Can't understand because God's thoughts are not man's (Isa 55:7-9)
- Can't understand because God's ways are higher than man (Job 11:7-9)
- Can't understand because no man can know the things of God (Job 42:1-6)
- Can't understand because the plans of God thwarts the purposes of man (Ps 33:10-11)
- Can't understand because God's thoughts are too profound for man (Ps 92:5-6)

#### *Life is restored through Jesus (25)*

- Restored through the renewal by the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:3-5)
- Restored because of God's face shining on His people (Ps 80:3)
- Restored so that God's people can serve (Jer 15:19)
- Restored through the refreshing of God (Acts 3:19-21)
- Restored after suffering for doing good (1 Peter 5:10)

#### *Life restored should be a cause to witness (26)*

- Witness because Jesus commanded it (Matt 28:18-20)
- Witness through the power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8)
- Witness through teaching (2 Tim 2:2)
- Witness starts at home (Luke 8:39)
- Witness about what God has done for us (Ps 66:16)