



Week 4 - Luke 8:48 (NIV)

“Then he said to her, ‘Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace.’ “

The start of Luke 8 tells us that a group of men and women are following Jesus wherever he goes. Even more crowds gather when Jesus and his followers stop to tell a story or teach a lesson.

Jesus has a reputation now. These people watch Jesus forgive sins and change lives. They see Jesus stop a storm. Jesus is showing them that He can repair the world. Jesus is showing them God’s way of Healing.

Now Jesus is near home in Nazareth. His neighbors have been listening to the stories of what Jesus has been doing and teaching. Many gather around him.

An important man named Jairus comes rushing through the group to Jesus. Jairus is upset. His young daughter is very sick and maybe dying. He begs Jesus to come to his house and make her better. Jairus believes that Jesus can heal his daughter.

So, Jesus and the crowd start walking toward Jairus’ house. Suddenly Jesus feels that someone is touching his clothes. Not pulling, just barely touching. It is so gentle, someone else might not even notice. But Jesus senses a need in this touch. As if some strength is traveling out of Jesus through the cloth.

So Jesus stops and looks around and asks who is touching him. His friend Peter says that there are a lot of people there, close to Jesus and bumping into them. But Jesus tells Peter that this felt different.

When Jesus and Peter look down, a woman is at his feet. The woman has been sick for many years, and guess what? Just touching Jesus’ clothes has made her well. Jesus says, “Your faith has healed you. Go in peace.”

By now, a man has come from Jairus’ house to tell the group that Jairus’ daughter has already died, and Jesus doesn’t have to bother to come.

But Jesus tells Jairus not to give up. He tells Jairus to keep believing that his little girl can be healed.

So Jesus, Peter, James, and John go into Jairus’ house with the girl’s mother and father. Outside the house, the people are already crying because the daughter is dead. But Jesus keeps insisting that the girl isn’t really dead- only sleeping.

When Jesus gets to her, Jairus’ daughter really does seem to be dead. But this is what the Bible tells us happens next:

“Jesus took her by the hand and said, “My child, get up!” Her spirit returned, and at once she stood up. Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat. Her parents were astonished.”

So, in one short walk Jesus has saved a woman from sickness and a little girl from death. He is showing people over and over again that their faith and belief has let them see God’s Way of Healing.



