**The Touch of Jesus**

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**The Big Idea**

Jesus has power and authority over sickness and death.

**Introduction**

It is an overarching truth that life is frail. As we age, we discover all the more just how frail we are. This morning we turn to the story of two people who were coming face to face with this human frailty. In Luke 8:40-56 we find the story of Jairus’ sick daughter and a sick woman. There frailty is confronted by the power and authority of Jesus.

I want to share that story with you, it comes out of Luke 8:40-56. Instead of reading it I want to tell you the story and I hope you will hear it anew this morning...

1. Jairus is desperate for help—his daughter is dying.
   1. So close Matthew says she is already dead.
   2. His one and only daughter, who was 12 years old
   3. ***Imagine his desperation…***
   4. Jairus is a Synagogue ruler, not a priest but a leader in the community for sure.
   5. He falls to his knees, begs for help.
   6. Jesus agrees to go to his house
2. There was a large crowd there and they followed Jesus and Jairus
   1. The Crowd was heavy and aggressive.
   2. They almost crushed Jesus.
   3. Jairus was elbowing his way through.
   4. But time was of the essence. He had to get to his daughter before she died.
   5. Then Jairus heard Jesus ask, “Who touched me?”
   6. The disciples responded ***Jesus everyone one is touching you***…
   7. But Jesus insisted and looked for the one who touched him.
3. There was a woman, she had touched Jesus
   1. She was sick. She had a bleeding disorder.
   2. Because of this she was considered unclean
   3. That meant she was excluded from public life, anyone who touched her also became unclean.
   4. She had spent the last 12 years isolated, never being touched by another, alone. She was hated by those around her. They would yell and shout at her if she would even try to speak to them.
   5. In Mark’s account it says she spent everything she had on doctors and had suffered a great deal and it only got worse.
   6. ***Imagine her desperation…***
4. But when she touched Jesus’ cloak she was healed. She was freed from her suffering
   1. She heard Jesus ask “who touched me?”
   2. She had hope to get out unnoticed, she did not want all those people who hated her so to see her.
   3. Finally, she comes before Jesus.
   4. Mark says she was trembling with fear.
   5. She poured her heart out to Jesus
   6. She tells Jesus before all of the people every humiliating detail of her situation.
5. Then what she had longed for all these 12 years…
   1. Jesus connected with her “daughter, your faith has healed you go in peace.”
   2. She felt a sense belonging, of being loved, of being whole again.
   3. She was free from that which had oppressed her all these years
   4. She could truly go in peace for the first time in 12 years!
   5. **Can you imagine the joy**!
6. Just then the news comes to Jairus…your daughter is dead.
   1. Jairus must have erupted into a hurricane of emotion.
   2. Why Jesus did you have stop, why did you let this happen, I told you how important this was.
   3. Imagine how you would feel in this moment.
   4. The glimmer of hope snatched away.
7. Jesus surely sensing all that was going on inside of Jairus and likely seeing some emotion pouring out of him spoke to him…
   1. “Don’t be afraid, just believe, and she will be healed.”
   2. **Jesus was trying to help Jairus *focus on faith not fear*.**
8. Upon arriving at Jairus house, Jesus takes only Peter, James and John, his inner circle, and the girl’s parents into the house.
   1. As they entered the home the people were wailing and mourning for the girl. The funeral had already begun.
   2. Jesus tells them to stop and Matthews account says he told them to leave.
   3. Jesus says she is not dead; she is just sleeping.
   4. THEY LAUGHED AT JESUS BECAUSE THEY KNEW SHE WAS DEAD.
   5. They believe they knew all that they needed to know.
   6. They made the mistake of putting God in a box!
9. Jesus ignored them and took the girls hand and said…
   1. *My child, get up*…and she did. She got up
   2. Jesus did it again! He healed this girl
   3. **Can you imagine the Joy**!

**Conclusion**

As Jesus heals these two people, we see that he has *power and authority over death and sickness.* How awesome is it that Jesus is greater than the women’s illness or death that has snatched this girl from her parents?

This passage puts on display for us the power and authority of Jesus. **WE CAN KNOW THAT JESUS WILL BRING VICTORY OVER THE THINGS THAT WE ARE MOST POWERLESS AGAINST.**

But maybe you sit here this morning and you know the pain of prolonged illness or the devastation of losing a child. You think, where is my victory. My pain rages. My baby is sick. Why has Jesus not brought a healing for me?

We should know that **VICTORY MIGHT NOT BE WHAT WE EXPECT.**

* Like Jairus who had to wait as his daughter died or
* like the women who had waited 12 years for Jesus to heal her.
* Sometimes the victory may not even come this side of heaven.
* But we do not want to be like the mourners at Jairus’ house who laughed at Jesus because they could not conceive that Jesus would heal the girl.
* *We must not put God in our finite box.* We must not come to believe that the best He can do is only what I can imagine.

God is faithful and just. He calls us to trust in him. Not to define him by the limits of this finite world. Not to put him in a box. Not to set our minds on what we think we know. But instead we should believe that the seemingly impossible is possible with God. Because after all we “can do all things through Christ who gives [us] strength!” (Phil 4:13)