

Theme: Faith in Jesus will always be rewarded – be it timid or bold. That faith will be strengthened as we bear witness to Christ’s work – and deepened as we trust Him in trial.

Background: The 3rd picture of Jesus authority. Over the earth, over the spiritual realm and now, over sickness and death.

Introduction:

Two stories interwoven.
United in the authority and power of Jesus
United in the blessing of Faith in the Redeemer.

I. A Desperate Father (40-42)

A. A dying daughter

1. Jairus – synagogue ruler (“he will give light” - Jair)
 - In charge of service/worship in the synagogue
 - Known by everyone
2. Imploring Jesus to come
 - Daughter (12 years old) dying
 - Falls at feet. He is brought to his knees!

B. A willing healer

II. A Despairing Woman (43,44)

A. How long O Lord? (12 years of suffering)

1. No more money – resources gone
2. Social/spiritual outcast! (Leviticus 15:25-31)
 - Continuously “unclean”
 - Untouched for 12 years!

B. Only one hope!

1. Touch Jesus
 - Just get close enough to touch his garment
 - Brought to her knees spiritually (and likely, physically)
2. Not just superstition
 - Action based in faith (as Jesus makes clear)

III. A Divine Delay (Interruption)

A. For the woman’s sake

1. Caught in the act!
 - Healed *immediately!* (44)
 - Knows it *immediately!*
2. Who touched me?? (45)
 - Jesus knew it, too.
 - a. Someone touched Him with *need* (46)
 - Power went out from me.

- b. He *knew* it. He knew *who*!
 - Stops for her benefit – not his.
 - Jesus knows his own – he calls them by name! (John 10:28ff)
 - 3. Faith exercised/expressed (47)
 - Had faith to believe that Jesus could heal
 - Faith is strengthened in its testimony!
 - 4. For Her Restoration (48)
 - a. He calls her out!
 - Makes her tell her story.
 - Restored *physically*.
 - Now to be *Restored Relationally!*
 - b. Go in peace.
 - Faith has made you well! Not “faith in faith”
 - Granted Peace – both inward and outward!
 - Especially? – Peace with God!
- B. For Jairus’ sake? (49-56)
- 1. Please hurry!
 - Delay shows Jesus’ power to heal/restore
 - 2. Bad news comes
 - a. Do not fear! Only believe.
 - NOTE: Jesus wants to strengthen this faith.
 - b. No laughing matter (52,53)
 - Mourners have already arrived.
 - c. She is sleeping – before Jesus! (1 Corinthians 15:51; 1 Thess.5:9,10)
 - 3. A private affair
 - a. Not for the whole world
 - b. Tell no one? (56) (Woman had to tell everyone.)
 - Worship God in joy and wonder.
 - Word will surely go out.

Why the Delay?
 - 4. Faith had to be strengthened – deepened!
 - Faith is deepened by trusting God’s timing

IV. All in God’s Time!

- 1. Are you “desperate” yet?
- 2. God’s “delay” may
 - a. Draw out our faith
 - b. Deepen our faith – if we still look for His hand at work
- 3. Tell what God has done!
- 4. Resting in God’s timing
- 5. Rest in the sovereign plan and perfect authority of Jesus Christ.