

Rediscover Jesus, 25: “Two Daughters Healed”**Luke 8:40-56**

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***Approach Jesus Christ by faith in your desperation,
for he is Lord of our salvation and over all situations.***

I. A prominent man in dire despair (vv.40-42)**Luke 8:40-42 (ESV)**

⁴⁰ Now when Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him. ⁴¹ And there came a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue. And falling at Jesus' feet, he implored him to come to his house, ⁴² for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As Jesus went, the people pressed around him.

- As Lord and Savior, Jesus uses our desperate situations to humble us and draw us closer to him.
- **Life Application #1:** What are the desperate situations in your life? Reflect on your responses to these situations.

II. A lowly, unclean woman with a chronic condition (vv.43-48)**Luke 8:43-48 (ESV)**

⁴³ And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, and though she had spent all her living on physicians, she could not be healed by anyone. ⁴⁴ She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, and immediately her discharge of blood ceased.

⁴⁵ And Jesus said, “Who was it that touched me?” When all denied it, Peter said, “Master, the crowds surround you and are pressing in on you!” ⁴⁶ But Jesus said, “Someone touched me, for I perceive that power has gone out from me.” ⁴⁷ And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. ⁴⁸ And he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.”

- As Lord and Savior, Jesus grows and guides our faith in a restored relationship with him and one another.

Ephesians 2:14–16 (ESV)

¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵ by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

- **Life Application #2:** What are the ways you feel disconnected from God and isolated from others? Reflect on the peace Jesus offers to you.

III. A dead girl in an impossible situation (vv.49-56)

Luke 8:49-56 (ESV)

⁴⁹ While he was still speaking, someone from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." ⁵⁰ But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she will be well."

⁵¹ And when he came to the house, he allowed no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. ⁵² And all were weeping and mourning for her, but he said, "Do not weep, for she is not dead but sleeping." ⁵³ And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. ⁵⁴ But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." ⁵⁵ And her spirit returned, and she got up at once. And he directed that something should be given her to eat. ⁵⁶ And her parents were amazed, but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

- As Lord and Savior, Jesus defeated death and made true and eternal life no longer impossible for the spiritually dead.

2 Corinthians 1:8–10 (ESV)

⁸ For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. ⁹ Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. ¹⁰ He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again.

- **Life Application #3:** What doubts do you have about Jesus? Reflect on the gospel (the power of God) to believe that he truly is Lord of all and Savior of sinners.