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Jesus Heals Man with Shriveled Hands

Background:

- Who were present: Jesus, his disciples, Pharisees, People
- Where: Synagogue
- When: Sabbath
- Jesus had an argument with Pharisees about Sabbath, just before this incident. (Mark 2:23-27)

What was a synagogue?

- Synagogue was a place of prayer and worship for the Jews. It was also a school of Old Testament laws and Jewish religion (during the weekdays).
- Every Saturday (on Sabbath), Jewish men would gather to listen to Rabbi teach from the scripture.
- There was no permanent Rabbi for each synagogue. Often, the synagogue administrator would ask visiting Rabbi to teach. For that reason, Jesus spoke in synagogues in many places.

What was the Pharisee’s intention?

- To keep a close eye on Jesus to find a fault in him, so that they can accuse him.
- They followed Jesus into synagogue to see if they can accuse him or trap him.
- They were so much infuriated by Jesus that they forgot that ‘Synagogue should be the place of worship!’

What was their attitude towards the man with shriveled hand?

- Totally indifferent
- They did not care or see his needs.
- They were seeing him as a ‘trap’.
- They cared about rules and laws more than the need of that man.

What did the Pharisees agree indirectly, by their intentions?

- In the midst of this conspiracy, they agreed that Jesus had a power to heal and he could heal that man.
- But in their stubbornness, they were not ready to believe that this supernatural power was from God.

Mark 3: 1-6 (NIV)

“Another time he went into the synagogue and a man with a shriveled hand was there. Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, “Stand up in front of everyone.” Then Jesus asked them, “Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?” But they remained silent. He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored.

Matthew 12: 9-14

“Going on from that place, he went into their synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand
What was Jesus’ reaction?

- He could perceive their plot and thoughts, without them telling anything!
- He intentionally made that man stand in front of everybody.

What was the purpose of Sabbath? And why were the Pharisees against healing on Sabbath?

- One of the ten commandments of the Law was to keep Sabbath. It was a day set aside for rest and worship. (Ex 20:8, Lev 25:2)
- It was not allowed to work on Sabbath.
- Pharisees and the Teachers of the Law had added many rules & ‘practical steps’ to aid common men follow Sabbath.
- They were very legalistic about their interpretation of it. According to them, one cannot be healed on the Sabbath, because it is technically considered a ‘work’.
- Jesus always emphasized on the true intent of the Sabbath law, so Pharisees were furious with him.

What do you think about Jesus’ question, ‘which is lawful on the Sabbath, to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?’

- His question was to remind them of the true purpose of Sabbath.
- According to Matthew 12:11-12, Jesus answered his own question.
- Answer was pretty obvious, to do good, to save life.
- But, they remained silent because of their stubborn hearts.

Why was Jesus angry?

- Because of their silence
- Their stubborn and closed heart
- Their indifference to the need of the disabled man

Q. Is it OK to be angry?

- Eph 4:26-27: “In your anger do not sin.” Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.
- It is ok to be angry for the right cause, at the right time.
- It is important how you express your anger.

Q. What was the impact of this incident on this man?

- He was completely healed and restored.
- By healing him on Sabbath, Jesus also showed that he cared about him more than the Sabbath. (Mark 2:27)
Q. Who were Herodians?

- Jewish political party
- King Herod’s supporters
- Jesus was causing the instability politically, so He was threat to the Herodians.
- Herodians and Pharisees would normally be enemies due to their different agenda.
- In spite of their differences, Pharisees were ready to negotiate with Herodians, so that they can KILL Jesus.
- Can ‘Plotting to kill’ be lawful on Sabbath?

Applications and Reflections:

- Do not be too legalistic to ignore the needs of people.
- As Christians, we need to be careful that we ‘walk the talk’; people around us always watch our actions closely (especially when we least expect it).
- How do you approach your place of worship?

Personal Notes:
Jesus Heals Disabled Man

Where did the incident take place?
• The Pool of Bethesda near sheep gate in Jerusalem.
• Sheep gate was the gate used to bring sheep into the city to the temple for sacrifice. (Nehemiah 3:1)
• Archeologists have discovered the Bethesda pool in 1960s. (Wikipedia)

What was the occasion?
• Feast of Jews & Sabbath
• Three feasts of Jews required all Jewish men to come to Jerusalem.
  1. Feast of Passover & unleavened bread
  2. Feast of Pentecost (Feast of Weeks)
  3. Feast of tabernacles

Why were there lots of disabled people near Bethesda pool?
• They were waiting for an angel to come and stir waters and the first person to enter the pool would be healed by it.
• It is common to hear about hot springs in which people got healed or claimed to get healed in ancient times. Even today, in many parts of the world, people go to some of these hot springs, which supposedly have healing power.
• We are not sure exactly weather the pool water had some miraculous power.
• John 5:4 (KJV) – “For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.”
• Note: Verse 4 is not included in the New International Version. Some of the later found New Testament manuscripts do not contain this verse, so it has been left out in the later bible translation like NIV.

What can you learn about the condition of the disabled man?
• He was disabled for 38 years.
• He had tried everything to get healed.
• There was nobody to help him (John 5:7). His family may have left him there.
• He was lying there near Bethesda pool in a hope that someday he may get chance to be the first one to get into a pool.
• He wanted to get well. But he could not do it by himself. He needed somebody's help.
• He sincerely thought that if he can reach there at right time, he would be healed. The only problem was that he could not!
• He did not even know who Jesus was. Jesus came up to him.

What did Jesus ask him? And what was his reply?

• It was a strange question -"Do you want to get well?" He had been there all these years desperately trying to be well. With this question, Jesus was offering him help. Perhaps, nobody would have asked him to help for years!
• If we are to rephrase the man’s answer in one sentence, it would be, “Yes, I want to be well, I just can’t get there.” Put yourself in his place – you may be desperately trying for physical or emotional healing or any personal victory for a long time. Jesus asks us the same simple question!

What was Jesus’ reply?

• “Get up, pick up your mat and walk.” – You don’t have to go there. Your healing is right here, right now. You don’t have to wait for angel to come to the pool.
• The man was instantly healed. (After suffering from it for 38 years)

Why were Jews not happy?

• The man was carrying his mat on Sabbath. Pharisees and the teachers of the law had many laws regarding Sabbath about how much to walk or work on Sabbath.
• They were insensitive to the man who was healed after 38 years.
• They cared about the law more than people.

What can we learn from the fact that he did not even know Jesus?

• It was Jesus who initiated the healing process.
• Even after he was cured, Jesus found him again; it seems as if Jesus was literally following him.

Why did Jesus talk to him about sin? Where does sin come into picture? Do you think sickness is the result of sin?

• He was physically healed, but he also needed a great healing, spiritual healing. He needed his sins to be forgiven. After all, what can be worse than 38 years of sickness?
• Jesus did not mean that his sickness or disability was the result of sin. Check out the surprisingly similar passage of healing blind man in John 9:1-12. (“His disciples asked him, told you to pick it up and walk?” 13 The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there. 14 Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, “See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.” 15 The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.)
“Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him.” – John 9: 2-3)

- Jesus also gave the similar command to the woman caught in the adultery in John 8: 1-11.
- The man took heed of Jesus’ instruction, thus proclaiming boldly about Jesus healing him.

Applications and Reflections:

- You may be experiencing some sickness, disease, some hurt, and pain for a very long time. You may be struggling with some personal sin or weakness. And you may have tried everything in your power to get well. But you may have realized that you cannot do it on your own.
- Jesus is asking the same question to you, “do you want to get well?”

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Jesus Heals the Blind Man

Background:

- Jericho was 15 miles from Jerusalem. The meaning of the name Jericho is 'Fragrant'.
- Jesus was going to Jerusalem for the Jewish feast of Passover.
- Bartimaeus, this is one of few miracles in NT where name of person who was healed by Jesus is mentioned!
- Double meaning of the word 'Bartimaeus',
  - Greek – Honorable man,
  - Hebrew: Heir or son of unclean, spiritual blindness.
  - His name can also mean son of a blind man.
- It was common belief among Jews that blindness is punishment from God for sin. (See John 9:34 - Blind man with Pharisees).

What do you think about Bartimaeus?

- Poor, beggar, one of many beggars on the road to Jerusalem, he did not own much; his only possession could be his garment (old cloak).
- Dejected, downcast, desperate, and yet bold, persistent, hopeful, and sincere in his request for healing.

What was his response when he heard about Jesus? What did he know about Jesus?

- He began to call onto Jesus. He was determined to get Jesus' attention, even when people try to keep him quiet.
- He must have heard about Jesus, his miracles, healing, his claims, and teachings.
- He must have believed that Jesus can heal him.

What does title 'Son of David' mean to Jews?

- Promised Messiah, One who was to come from the lineage of King David.
- John 7:42 – “Does not Scripture say that the Messiah will come from David's descendants and from Bethlehem, the town where David lived?”
- Mat 21:9 – “The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna

Mark 10: 46 - 52 (NIV)

Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (that is, the Son of Timaeus), was sitting by the roadside begging. 47When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” 48Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” 49Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” So they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you.” 50Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. 51“What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him. The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.” 52“Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

Luke 18: 35 - 45 (NIV)

As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. 36When he heard
What was crowd's response?
- First, they rebuked him, and then commended him! (v. 49)

What did he do when Jesus called him?
- He threw his coat, his garment, his only possession, which may come on his way to reaching to Jesus.
- (Isa 64:6 – “and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment.”)
- He was ready to get rid of anything that comes on his way.

Why did Jesus ask him question, “What do you want me to do for you”?
- This was a unique feature of Jesus’ ministry. He would often ask the similar question before healing anyone.
- It is to affirm person’s faith, public proclamation of his trust in Jesus. (Jesus was asking, do you really believe that I can heal you?)
- “What do you want Jesus to do in your life?”

What can we learn from Bartimaeus?
- His faith that Jesus can heal him.
  - He showed his faith by his action.
  - He was determined to meet Jesus.
  - He followed Jesus thereafter.
- Bartimaeus, the blind man “saw” Jesus as a Messiah, Son of David, who could heal him from his blindness. It is an irony that the blind beggar could “see” what the religious leaders failed to see.
- How do you view Jesus? Is he a great teacher, leader, a role model or is He a personal Savior and Son of God?

Applications and Reflections:
- We all need healing; it can be physical or spiritual. Jesus can heal us, but we need to come to him, put our trust in him.
- “To see beyond the present is Wisdom, but to see beyond possible is Faith.”

Personal Notes:
Jesus Heals the Leper

What was the condition of lepers in those days? What was the law of Moses concerning Leprosy?

- Leprosy was one of the most despicable and rejected diseases.
- The Greek word for leprosy refers to some form of skin diseases, some of which were contagious. If one is found with a contagious form of leprosy, the priest would declare him unclean, and he had to leave his home and town and live outside the city in the colony of lepers, until he dies or gets better.
- According to Moses’ Law, the leper has to pass through at least 14 days of ‘cleansing’ process before he can enter the city. It shows that the leper was desperate to see Jesus.
- After the leper’s healing, Jesus wanted him to go and show himself to prove that he was completely healed. Leviticus 14 describes the details about the ceremonial cleansing of healed leper, which would last for number of days.

Visualize condition of the Leper:

- Outcast from the community and city
- Rejected by family, friends, community
- No one would have touched him for days.
- He needed physical, social and spiritual healing.
- His self-esteem would have been lost.

What does his request say about his state of mind?

- The leper was desperate and downcast. In Jesus, he saw his last rescue!
- His lack of confidence in himself is evident from his request, “If you are willing, you can make me clean!”
- This man would have tried everything to cure his decaying body. In Jesus, he saw a healer and a savior who can help him out of this condition. And so he came to him kneeling and beseeching.
- It is out of such state of helplessness and self-pity, he cried out, “If you are willing, you can heal me.”

What was Jesus’ response to the leper?

Mark 1: 40 - 45 (NIV)

40 A man with leprosy [8] came to him and begged him on his knees, “If you are willing, you can make me clean.” [41] Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!” [42] Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cured. [43] Jesus sent him away at once with a strong warning: [44] “See that you don’t tell this to anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them.” [45] Instead he went out and began to talk freely, spreading the news. As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but stayed outside in lonely places. Yet the people still came to him from everywhere.


12 While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy. [3] When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged him, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.” [13] Jesus reached out his hand and
• He was moved by pity, filled with compassion.
• He stretched out his hands and touched him! People around him would have been shocked to see that!
• “How can Jesus touch him? He would also become ‘unclean’.” – Some might have whispered! But there was a reverse phenomenon at work, Jesus’ touch could cleanse the ‘unclean’.
• Even Jesus’ touch would have healed his soul. For what seems like a simple gesture by Jesus, was a great expression of love and care, as if Jesus was saying, “I love you in spite of your wounds and disrupted body and soul.”
• Jesus not only healed his body but his soul as well.
• We are not going to focus on this man’s failure to follow Jesus’ warning after his healing. Perhaps, his joy was too great to be contained to himself. His actions, however, hindered Jesus’ public ministry.

Applications and Reflections:
• This passage is the reminder that our greatest qualification in the Kingdom of God is when we realize our own unworthiness. How often do we come to Jesus without putting aside ourselves, expecting him to do great things for us?
• Jesus is ready to offer wholesome healing; spiritual, physical, emotion healing if we come to him.
• A simple act of love can have a deep impact on those who are suffering.
• Even Jesus’ touch is so relieving and soothing to our stressed, tensed, hurting heart and soul, for it reminds us that He loves us and cares for us.

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Matthew 8: 1 - 4 (NIV)

1When he came down from the mountainside, large crowds followed him. 2A man with leprosy [1] came and knelt before him and said, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.” 3Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!” Immediately he was cured [2] of his leprosy. 4Then Jesus said to him, “See that you don’t tell anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.”
Jesus Heals Paralytic Man

The passage starts with Jesus entering Capernaum again. So, What did Jesus do on his first visit to Capernaum?

- Preached in the synagogue. (Mark 1: 21-34)
- Healed many sick and diseased.
- Drove out demons from demon-possessed.
- The whole town was gathered to see Jesus. (Mark 1: 32-34)

What was the scene at the house?

- Jesus was a very well-known rabbi. So, when people heard that Jesus was in town again (Mark 2: 1), there was such a huge crowd that there was no room in the house.
- People must have brought many sick, demon possessed, expecting Jesus to heal them.
- Scribes (Teachers of the Law) were present there to test him.
- Jesus was preaching the word to them.

Who do you think, were those four men? What was their motive?

- They could be friends, relatives or family members to the Paralytic man.
- They wanted their friend to be healed.
- The Paralytic man’s situation seemed to be very critical from the urgency or extreme measures, they took.

What would have they thought when they saw that there was no room? Verbalize their conversation. Imagine yourself into that situation.

- They must have been disappointed at first.
- They would have thought, “May be next time (Well, we did our part by bringing him here!)” or
- “Let us wait here for Jesus to come out!” “Let us go back, we will bring him again!”

What do you think about their decision?

- They were willing to take desperate measures, now or never!
- They took tough, difficult and a quite strange decision. (They decided to open the roof of somebody’s house; it wasn’t their house, after all!)
- Also remember the paralytic man’s agreement in this
decision.

**Visualize the setting in the house.**

- Jesus was preaching the word.
- Everyone was listening. And suddenly, there was a noise on the roof.
- And before, anybody could realize what was happening, there was a man lowered down from the roof by four men! Quite an attention grabber!

**What can be inferred from these four men’s action?**

- They knew about his friend’s desperate need.
- They showed an amazing faith.
- The paralytic man on his part, showed incredible trust in his friends.
- They did not give up.
- They were sure that if somehow they could bring him to Jesus, he would be healed.

**What do you think about Jesus’ reply, “Son, your sins are forgiven”?**

- Healed him spiritually first!
- They got more than they expected.

**What was Jesus claiming to be? What did the Scribes think?**

- Jesus claimed that he had an authority and power to forgive one’s sins.
- Only God can forgive sins, so he was claiming to be equal with God.
- Jesus announced his forgiveness in front of crowd. Compare it with Luke 7:48. He was clearly claiming his divinity.
- There was a popular opinion at that time that disease is the effect of the sin.

**What do you think is easier, ‘your sins are forgiven’ or ‘get up, take your mat and walk’?**

- It may be easier to say that your sins are forgiven, because you don’t see the results. It is not tangible. You cannot see a visible change.
- But to say to the paralytic man, get up and walk, he must be healed; you can see the physical change.
- In that regard, it may be easier to say that your sins are forgiven. Jesus proved that he not only had a power to heal but also to forgive sins.
- Jesus showed his divinity
  - By reading thoughts of teachers of the law.
  - By forgiving sins of the paralytic man.
  - By healing him.
Life Applications:

- It is fascinating to see the faith of those four men and their actions. They were willing to bring his friend to Jesus at any cost. I think, as a Christian, we often bring our friends (who do not know Jesus) close to know Jesus. But the last step of introducing him to Jesus needs faith and desperation. It requires extreme measures. Are we willing to take that risk and do something which would seem like awkward, strange and often risky?
- We often forget about the paralytic man, who is mostly silent in the whole episode. But none of these could have possible without his mutual consent. He was also willing to go to any extent to see Jesus. He received more than he expected. He received spiritual and physical healing.
- Are we prepared to take extreme measures to meet Jesus?

Personal Notes:
Jesus Heals the Woman suffering with Bleeding

What can we know about this woman from these passages?

- She was suffering from menstruating bleeding issue for 12 years.
- She had spent all she had to get cured. (Luke 8: 43 (KJV) – “And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any.”)
- She did not give up in spite of suffering from 12 years. In Jesus, she saw hope of being healed.
- She was instantly healed. She felt and knew that she was healed.
- She made a public confession of her healing and faith in Jesus Christ.

Why did she not go directly to Jesus for healing?

- According to the Jewish law, man who touches a menstruating woman becomes ceremonially unclean. (Levi 15: 19-28) In that regard, she would have been ‘untouchable’ for 12 years.
- She might have feared that Jesus would avoid healing her.
- She did not doubt that Jesus had a power to heal her.
- The nature of her disease may also be the reason. In an eastern culture, women issues are never spoken of in public.
- Perhaps, past failures were in her mind. So, she decided to take more secretive way. If she did not get healed, no one would have known that she even tried.
- She thought to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed.”

Did Jesus know who touched him?

- It is unclear whether Jesus knew who touched him or not. There are two opinions about it.
- First one says that Jesus knew who touched him. But he wanted her to come forward and profess her faith and healing. Jesus being God must know who touched him.
- The second opinion is that he really did not know who touched him. From his conversation with Peter, it seems likely that he knew that power had gone out from him, but not sure how. I believe that Jesus was not pretending there,
He really did not know, and that does not affect him being God. There were other things, he did not know. (Mark 13:32 Jesus’ second coming).

**Lost in the Crowd:**

- Even when she was healed, she did not come forward immediately. She thought that she could go unnoticed, get lost in the crowd.
- But Jesus noticed, he felt that the power had gone out of him. And he was persistent to know who that person was.
- We all have a tendency to act in a way that we can go unnoticed; we can slip in the crowd. We do not want to profess it publicly. Often we hear that our faith is personal. Yes, it is a personal decision, but we also need to acknowledge it to others.
- In case of this woman, she came trembling at Jesus’ feet, but then she went on to tell everyone, ‘why’ she touched him and how she was instantly healed. (Notice that Jesus only asked ‘who’ touched him and not ‘why’!)

**What was so significant about her action? What makes her faith so special?**

- **Unshakable:** She had a single focus that if she touches his cloak, she will be healed. She did not let the circumstances or doubts shake her faith.
- **Unbelievable:** Her faith was truly unbelievable. She believed what was not there. But that is the very definition of faith. (Hebrew 11:1)
- **Unreasonable:** In some ways, it was unreasonable. One cannot reason it in itself. Only in the light of the object of faith, it makes sense.
- Faith at its core is a simple trust and belief in a person. It is a childlike faith that moves the mountain.
- Jesus wanted to instill this kind of faith in his disciples (who often failed to exercise such faith). He often rebuked them for being “of little faith”.
- Even after receiving the healing, she showed extraordinary courage to come forward and share everything in presence of all people.
- Jesus praised her for her amazing faith and blessed her; it was a powerful testimony of God’s power and faith of a person at work.
- Testimony of healing can have powerful impact on people, especially those who do not know Jesus.
- “One miracle is equivalent to one thousand sermons.” – Angus Buchan (Faith like Potatoes).

**Luke 8: 42-48 (NIV)**

As Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him. “And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years,” but no one could heal her. “She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped.” “Who touched me?” Jesus asked. When they all denied it, Peter said, “Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you.” “But Jesus said, “Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me.” Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed. “Then he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace.”
Life Applications

- Jesus knows us; he knows our personal struggles, weakness, sickness. We can hide it from others, but He notices us and seeks out for us.
- We need to respond to him, we must be willing to acknowledge Him in the presence of others. We must be willing to share with others.
- The extraordinary faith is a simple, unwavering, childlike faith in Him.
- Without faith, it is impossible to please God.
- Are you willing to put your trust in Him? You may be going through any physical, emotional, spiritual pain or sickness; He can heal you if you just believe in Him.
- “Where is your faith?”

Personal Notes:
Jesus Heals Jairus’ Daughter

Jesus’ home town, Capernaum:

- Capernaum was situated on the sea of Galilee in a populated area.
- It was a wealthy city due to fishing and trade.
- It was a base of Jesus’ early ministry.
- The city had Roman garrison which maintained peace in the region. The city was a cultural melting pot, greatly influenced by Greek and Roman manners, dress, architecture and politics.

Office of Ruler of Synagogue:

- Synagogue was the local Jewish Center of worship.
- Ruler of synagogue was responsible for administration, building, maintenance, supervision of worship.
- The rulers of synagogue had close ties with the Pharisees. So it was quite unusual for Jairus to go to Jesus and fall at his feet for healing of his daughter.

What can we learn from Jairus from these passages?

- He was a ruler of synagogue.
- He was a humble man.
- He loved his only daughter.
- He believed that Jesus could heal his ailing daughter.

What do you think would be Jairus’ state of mind when he heard that his daughter had just passed away?

- Broken hearted.
- There was a huge crowd to see Jesus; he somehow got to meet Jesus. He would have thought, “I could have come earlier, just not in time.”
- At this time it did not occur to him that Jesus could raise the dead.
- Jairus and the people around Jesus had just witnessed one of the most extraordinary act of faith and God’s power on display. They saw a miraculous healing of a woman with bleeding related illness.
- Jairus would have been greatly encouraged to witness such a great healing. He would be confident that Jesus could heal his daughter as well. Just then, he heard the news of his daughter’s death.

Mark 5: 21-24, 35-43 (NIV)

21 When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. 22 Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. 23 He pleaded earnestly with him, “My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live.” 36 Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, “Don’t be afraid; just believe.” 37 He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. 38 When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. 39 He went in and said to them, “Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep.” 40 But they laughed at him. After he put them all out, he took the child’s father and mother and the disciples who were with
daughter’s death. He would have been devastated.

- We often experience God’s power on display followed by moments of crisis.
- In such moments, we need to “Just believe. And have faith in Jesus Christ.”
- Jesus affirmed his faith in this time of crisis, saying, (v-50) “Don’t be afraid, don’t doubt, Just believe.”
- We often feel that God has abandoned us, he is no longer with us. But in such times God continues to encourage and uplift us to have faith.
- Faith is to see beyond the circumstances.
- Hebrews 11:1 – “Now faith is a confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.”
- Hebrews 11: 6 – “And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.”
- The fact that they started heading towards Jairus’ home shows that Jairus agreed to Jesus, He kept the faith.
- Perhaps, those few moments (steps) would be hardest for him. He now knew that his beloved daughter was dead.
- He would have many questions, raw emotions, but Jesus was right with him.
- He held on to the promise of Jesus, that if he just believes, his daughter will be healed.
- He kept hope against all hope.

Why did Jesus insist to keep faith?

- Faith is the essential part of healing.
- In order to receive healing, we must first believe that he can heal us.
- It is the simple, childlike faith that Jesus is looking for. Nothing pleases God more than sincere faith. (Hebrew 11:6)

People’s Response: Don’t bother Jesus (Just live with it vs. Just believe)

- Often in our process of healing, we may encounter people, our closest friends, family, who may discourage us, even though they may not mean to.
- They may have you look at all circumstances. They may show you the impossibility of healing. They may say just don’t bother God, just live with it.
- They may even laugh at the act of your faith.

Who were the Wailers?

- They were hired wailers or mourners, mostly women.
- They were accompanied by flute players and pipers.
- They would dishevel their hair, sing with shrill screams and loud wailing. They would clap their hands and strike their

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Luke 8: 40-42, 49-56 (NIV)

40 Now when Jesus returned, a crowd welcomed him, for they were all expecting him. 41 Then a man named Jairus, a synagogue leader, came and fell at Jesus’ feet, pleading with him to come to his house because his only daughter, a girl of about twelve, was dying. 42 While Jesus was still speaking, someone came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. “Your daughter is dead,” he said. “Don’t bother the teacher anymore.” 50 Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, “Don’t be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed.”

51 When he arrived at the house of Jairus, he did not let anyone go in with him except Peter, John and James, and the child’s father and mother. 52 Meanwhile, all the people were wailing and mourning for her. “Stop wailing,” Jesus said. “She is not dead but asleep.”

53 They laughed at him, knowing that she was dead.

54 But he took her by the hand and said, “My child,
chest in monotonous melody.

- In Jeremiah 9:17-18, God calls for the mourning women to cry for Israel.
- In some eastern cultures, these traditions are still present today. (‘Rudaali’ (Wikipedia) is an Indian movie based on female mourners in the northern part of India.)

Why did Jesus tell the “wailers” to stop wailing?

- It is interesting that Jesus talked to those who are wailing. He could have avoided that conversation.
- Perhaps, part of our healing process is to acknowledge it before others. We may believe in our heart but we also have to confess with our mouth to others. This is often difficult because we may be mocked at or laughed at.
- We are often afraid of acknowledging it to others because we fear, “what if we do not receive healing”?

“Asleep not dead” - What did Jesus mean by that?

- The fact that verse says, “her spirit returned” means she was indeed physically dead.
- In these few phrases, Jesus gave a glimpse of Eternity.
- Death is not the end of all. There is more to it.
- Jesus brought her back to life. He “woke” her up from her death, saying “child get up.”

Why did Jesus order them not to tell anyone?

- One obvious reason is he did not want all people to bring their dead to him. His was not just a miracle ministry.
- Jesus’ ministry was to seek and save the lost.
- Jesus often instructed the people who received healing not to go out and proclaim everyone.

Life Applications:

- Jesus has the power to heal any disease, even death.
- Many people claim that healing miracles are only limited to more of psychological kind of diseases.
- But Jesus can heal any sickness, if we “just believe”.
- Are you suffering with some form of sickness? It is never too late for healing. We need simple, affirming faith in Jesus Christ. And He will bring health and healing for our bodies and souls.

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