

# Message Cheat Sheet

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### Luke 8:40-56

How can we become the Christ-centered church our world so desperately needs? Join us in Luke's Gospel, the most expansive biography of Jesus in the Bible. With the beloved physician as our guide, we hope to experience Jesus so we can participate with the new reality God is bringing into our world.

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## The Big Idea

God's plan and God's goodness and God's timing transcend our experiences of interruptions, urgencies and disappointments.

## Good to Know

### What's this passage about?

This is a rare "double-healing" narrative; one of a 12-year-old girl, and the other of a woman who had been desperately ill for 12 years. This was no accident. In this story, Jairus desperately tracks Jesus down to heal his daughter only to be interrupted by a stranger who gets to Jesus first. As Jairus helplessly waits, Jesus converses with the woman like He has all the time in the world. While they talk, Jairus gets the worst news a father could ever hear, his daughter was dead.

Why did Jesus make the man wait? While we're on that note, why did this interrupting women also have to wait so long to be healed? What does it say about God's sovereignty that He began orchestrating this exact encounter 12 years before it happened? Furthermore, what does the fact that Jesus eventually raised Jairus' daughter from the dead say about God's timeline?

### Why does this matter?

Have you ever felt like God has made you wait? These twin portraits of healing teach us to wait on God. Gandalf the wizard in Lord of the Rings said, "A wizard is never late Frodo, he arrives precisely when he means to." Jesus would say to us, "Trust in me because I am never too late. Not even death will stop me from filling your hearts with surprising joy!"

## Good to Know

- **"a ruler of the synagogue" (vs. 41)** indicates that Jairus was either a local "pastor" or served on the board of his synagogue.
- **"discharge of blood" (vs. 43)** probably indicated some sort of uterine hemorrhage.

### There are some fascinating parallels between the two healing portraits:

- Jairus and the woman both "fell" at Jesus' feet (vv. 41, 47).
- Both ladies began a path leading to this encounter with Jesus exactly 12 years prior (vv. 42, 43).
- Jesus physically touched both ladies even in their defilement (corpses and women on their period were considered "ritually unclean").

- Both Jairus and the woman needed faith (vv. 48, 50).
- **"she had spent all her living on physicians" (vs. 43)** – It is likely that Luke was a physician himself (see Col. 4:14) and possessed a deep, personal empathy for this woman's frustration.
- Luke makes it clear that Jesus insisted on stopping to find the woman who touched Him even though Jairus was standing there in desperation (see vv. 45-49).
- **"Your faith has made you well" (vs. 48)** – Notice that there were lots of people touching Jesus. The woman wasn't healed by physical contact with Jesus, but by her trusting resolve that He could heal her.
- **"Peter, John and James" (vs. 51)** – Years later these men called themselves "witnesses" to Jesus' healings (Acts 10:39-41).
- **"All were weeping and mourning for her" (vs. 52)** – Jewish culture was very good at mourning together. The crowd would have included not just family and friends, but likely also "professional" mourners hired to assist the family in their grief.
- **"She is not dead but only sleeping" (vs. 52)** – Jesus gave her a new prognosis in spite of her diagnosis. He does the same for us!
- **"her spirit returned" (vs. 55)** – The spirit here is not the Holy Spirit, but rather her immaterial spirit or something like her life force—i.e. the animating force that separates a living thing from a nonliving thing.

## Group Guide

### Following the series with your group?

- Start with some [icebreaker questions](#).
- Read the passage together before you dive in.
- Share any insights from the message. Use the questions below to get your conversation started.

## Conversation Starters

1. Take a moment to read through the passage as a group. What are the characteristics of Jesus that we see in this passage?
2. What are the similarities that we can see between Jairus and the bleeding woman as they approach Jesus?
3. What's an area of your life where you are still waiting on God, or wondering about His timing?
4. Both Jairus's daughter and the bleeding woman had to wait for healing. Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18. How does this passage help us as we wait on the Lord in our own sufferings?
5. What are some practical ways we can "fix our eyes" on Jesus in everyday life?

## Prayer

Our Father, thank you that even when we are frustrated, disappointed or confused, you are still in control. Thank you for being the Author whose plan is better than we could imagine, for being a Savior who is always on time and for being our Shepherd who tends to our every need. Help us to wait patiently with our eyes fixed on eternity with you. Amen.

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