

DON'T BE AFRAID; JUST BELIEVE

Luke 8:40-56

Key Verse: 8:50

"Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, 'Don't be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed.'"

1. What expectations did the crowd who welcomed Jesus have? Why? (Mk 6:34) Who was Jairus? What was his problem? What did he do so humbly? What does Jesus' response show?
2. On the way to Jairus' house, what happened? Who was this woman? (See Lev 15:25; Mk 5:26) Contrast her with Jairus. What obstacles did she have to overcome to come to Jesus? What happened when she touched his cloak?
3. How did Jesus know that she had touched him? How did the disciples try to explain what had happened? Why did Jesus insist that she come forward and confess? (Ro 10:9) How did Jesus bless her?
4. In the meantime, what was Jairus doing? How does he show "waiting on" faith? What bad news did the messenger bring?
5. What did Jesus say to Jairus? Why? (Ro 8:15) What shows Jairus' "just believing" faith? How did the neighbors at Jairus' house discourage him? How did Jesus make an environment of belief? Why? What did Jesus do and what does this reveal about him?