

Don't Be Afraid; Just Believe

Luke 8:40-56

Key Verse: 8:50

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

1. Read verse 40. Where had Jesus been? Why did the crowd welcome him? What had he done there before?
2. Read verses 41-42a. Who was Jairus? Why did he come to Jesus? What was his attitude? In what way is he a good father?
3. Read verses 42b-45. Describe the woman who slipped up behind Jesus in the crowd (Lev 15:25-31). How is she a contrast with Jairus? What happened when she touched his cloak? Why was her touch different from that of the crowd?
4. Read verses 46-48. How did Jesus know that someone had touched him? Why did he insist that the woman come forward? (Ro 1:21) What did she confess? How did Jesus bless her?
5. Read verses 49-50. What happened while Jesus was talking with the woman? What was the messenger's bad advice? What did Jesus say? How can we overcome fear? What does it mean to "just believe"? How did Jairus respond?
6. Read verses 51-56. What did Jesus find when he arrived at the home of Jairus? What did he say to the mourners? What did he do? What does this event reveal about Jesus? About faith?