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Sunday School Lesson
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Lesson—Healed By Faith

Text: Matthew 9:18-26

I. Aim for Change/Learning Objectives

By the end of this lesson, we will...

1. *EXAMINE* the nature of the faith involved in the healings of the woman and the girl in this passage,
2. *SENSE* the power of God to bring life and healing to our loved ones, and
3. *REJOICE* in the healing power of God as manifested in our own lives.

Key Verse— *“But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour” (Matthew 9:22, KJV).*

II. People Places and Times

Jairus. Jairus was a member of the powerful ruling Jewish religious leadership. It was this group of elected individuals who most often opposed the teachings and doctrine of Christ. However, the love for his 12 year-old daughter led him to go against all he misunderstood about Jesus, and subject himself with humility, worship and faith to the healing power of our Lord.

III. Background

Matthew writes a cluster of miracle narratives, one healing narrative inside the framework of another. First, there is the desperate cry of a synagogue ruler for the life of his daughter. Next, there is the hopelessness of a woman with a 12-year bleeding disorder. Both stories tell of desperation, and each one can stand independent from the others. These narratives demonstrate the authority, power, and compassion of Jesus.

The scribes and Pharisees (religious rulers), however, followed Jesus to test the validity of His being the Son of David, the Messiah. They were trying to discredit Him and find a reason to put Him to death.

IV. The Lesson At-A-Glance...

1. *Compassion for the Hopeless (Matthew 9:18–19)*
2. *Compassion for the Helpless (vv. 20–22)*
3. *Compassion for Healing (vv. 23–26)*

V. In Depth with More Light on the Text

1. Compassion for the Hopeless (Matthew 9:18–19) Jairus, a leader from the synagogue, interrupts Jesus as He speaks to John the Baptist’s disciples. Jairus falls down before Jesus and makes a desperate request for Him to raise his 12-year-old daughter from the dead.

The father says, “But if you will come and lay your hands upon her, she shall live” (vv. 18–19). Jesus and His disciples immediately got up to follow Jairus (v. 19). Jesus is touched by the faith Jairus displays. Most of us have experienced loved ones dying, so we can understand the desperation Jairus felt.

2. Compassion for the Helpless (vv. 20–22) A woman with a chronic bleeding problem touches Jesus’ clothing and is healed by her faith in Him (vv. 20–22). Matthew uses the phrase “And, behold,” to interrupt the story about the dead girl to introduce the hemorrhaging woman. She was considered to be unclean, contaminated, and unworthy. The woman was desperate and unable to help herself. But she purposed in her heart that if she could just touch the hem, the fringe, the tassel of Jesus’ garment, He would never know and she would be healed.

3. Compassion for Healing (vv. 23–26) By the time Jesus arrives at Jairus’ house, the girl’s funeral has begun. Despite the hopelessness of the crowds, Jairus’ faith called Jesus to his daughter’s deathbed, and that simple, yet bold, the request is enough to change the outcome. Jesus’ acts of healing and resurrection were not just personal but restored the woman and the girl to the whole community. Indeed, word of the girl’s resurrection goes out to the entire region. When we act on faith and receive God’s blessing, it builds the faith of everyone in our community who witnesses our blessing.

Liberating Lesson—see Sunday School book for additional comments

Application for Activation— see Sunday School book for additional comments

Vocabulary-New Words

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