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Two Daughters - 1

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In the Gospel According to Luke (AD 60-61), Luke, a Gentile, is writing to Theophilus so that he would know the exact truth and record regarding the things he had been taught about Jesus the Messiah. Luke provided numerous testimonies of Jesus' identity as the Savior and Messiah. Jesus, during His ministry, traveled to many cities sharing scripture, teaching forgiving sin, physically healing people of demons and disease, and raising the dead. Jesus began to challenge the religious rituals of the day and most importantly shared the Kingdom of God. On this occasion, Luke describes a time that Jesus healed a woman with an incurable illness.

“And as Jesus returned, the people welcomed Him, for they had all been waiting for Him. And there came a man named Jairus, and he was an official of the synagogue; and he fell at Jesus’ feet, and began to implore Him to come to his house; for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, and she was dying. But as He went, the crowds were pressing against Him. And a woman who had a hemorrhage for twelve years, and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His cloak, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped. And Jesus said, “Who is the one who touched Me?” And while they were all denying it, Peter said, “Master, the people are crowding and pressing in on You.” But Jesus said, “Someone did touch Me, for I was aware that power had gone out of Me.” When the woman saw that she had not escaped notice, she came trembling and fell down before Him, and declared in the presence of all the people the reason why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. And He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.” (Luke 8:40-48 NASB Mt 9:18-22; Mk 5:21-34)

Jesus welcomed return. Just prior to His return, Jesus traveled across the Sea of Galilee and commanded and calmed the wind and water that had created a violent storm. Additionally, Jesus had allowed thousands of demons to exit two possessed men and for them to enter pigs. Many who witnessed these events were fearful of Jesus and some didn't want Him around and asked that He leave their land.

Jesus returned to the northwest shore of the Sea of Galilee where many welcomed Jesus, knowing that He could heal and cure people of disease. There were two people desperately wanting to see firsthand the healing powers of Jesus. One of the persons waiting was Jairus.

A rich important religious man's need. Jairus was a religious official or ruler of the synagogue likely located in Capernaum. Jairus waited for Jesus and implored Him to travel to his house to heal his dying 12 year old daughter. Jairus' position at the synagogue was to care for the building, conduct meetings and supervise those that taught in the synagogue. Jairus, loving his only daughter and risking his position as a religious official, begged the controversial Jesus to come to his home and heal his daughter. Jesus started for Jairus' house.

A poor faithful woman's need. Before Jesus could get to the house, a woman who had been ill and bleeding for 12 years sought desperately to be healed and reached out and touched Jesus' cloak and was immediately healed. Luke was understood to be a doctor and records that she could not be healed by anyone. The Gospel of Mark records that this woman spent all her money on doctors that not only didn't heal her, she became much worse.

Jesus heals. Jesus understood that someone had touched Him and was healed. The woman fearfully and humbly fell down before Him and provided witness to all the people that Jesus had healed her just by a touch. Jesus, calling her daughter, said that her faith (in Him) had made her well and that she go in peace. Jesus provides the ultimate healing called salvation that provides peace to those who are faithful.

For Your Consideration:

- While traveling to rich Jairus' home to heal his daughter, Jesus heals a poor woman who He addresses as daughter. What does this teach us about Jesus' love for His children and His children's faithful love for Him?
- As a ruler in the synagogue, what risk was Jairus taking in His request to Jesus?

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