What Jairus' Daughter Saw In Her Father

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Text: Lk. 8:40-56

### Intro

1. For parents, children are an enormous blessing! (Ps. 127:3-5)
   1. They bring such joy, nothing can compare to it!
   2. When they are sick or suffering, it can bring such agonizing pain to the parents.
   3. To lose a child is one of the worst things a parent can suffer.
   4. Parents would to do anything, go to great lengths to protect their children.
2. Lk. 8:40-56: The account of Jairus asking Jesus to heal his very sick 12 yr. old daughter.
   1. Whether you are a parent or not, there is great encouragement to be found here.
   2. 8:43-48: The account is interrupted by the woman who had been bleeding for 12 years.
   3. Mark *(Mk. 5:25-26)* tells us she had spent “all that she had” on doctors and only grew worse, while Dr. Luke *(Col. 4:14)* says she “could not be healed by anyone.” (8:43)
   4. We will focus on the account with Jairus on either side of the woman healed, and try to look at the event from the daughter’s perspective.
   5. Whether we are fathers (or mothers) or not, hopefully we will see the qualities in Jairus are qualities that we all need in our lives!
3. What did Jairus’ daughter see in her father?

#### She Saw Her Father’s Love

* 1. Lk. 8:40-42: She saw her father’s love and concern as he set out to find Jesus.
  2. Jairus was “an official of the synagogue”
     1. The word he uses there refers to Jairus being the “ruler” or the “president” of the synagogue. *(G758 archon: first [in rank or power], chief, prince, ruler)*
     2. From history, we know that the synagogue officials were responsible for maintaining the facility, and they were also responsible for what happened in the synagogue.
     3. Jairus was a religious “official” – a respected leader in the community, serving in a position of great influence. *(Mk. 5:22: G752 = Director of the Synagogue, Chief ruler of the Synagogue)*
  3. Jairus had an “only” daughter who was very sick to the point of death
     1. As parents, we know that our little children have a way of getting sick all the time. We are always dealing with sniffles, and fevers, and ear infections –but the situation here has become very serious.
     2. His 12 yr. old daughter is “at the point of death” (Mk. 5:23). This was not something that could be fixed with a kiss on the forehead, this was not a situation where she just needed to stay home from school for a few days, but she was quickly losing the battle with her illness and death was at the door!
  4. Jairus was a father willing to do anything for his daughter!
     1. This respected leader falls at the feet of Jesus in front of the crowd and begs Jesus to come to his house to heal his only daughter. *(NKJ: Mk. 5:22: “Begged Him earnestly”)*
     2. The religious leaders from this area *(Capernaum: Mt. 9:1; Lk. 7:1; see also Mt. 4:13; Mk. 2:1)* had already had some serious run-ins with Jesus: He cast out a demon from a man in the synagogue (Mk. 1:21-28); He healed a paralyzed man by saying to him, “your sins are forgiven” (Mt. 9:2) and was accused of blasphemy; Then Matthew (Levi) was called as an apostle and he invited Jesus to his house, which caused the religious leaders to accuse Him of “eating and drinking with sinners” (Lk. 5:29-30).
     3. Jairus was a religious leader of Capernaum! (Ruler of synagogue)
     4. So when Jairus fought his way through hundreds, if not thousands, of people to bow down at the feet of Jesus, it was a big deal!
     5. He was not ashamed to do whatever was needed to get Jesus to his house!
  5. All his power and influence melted away at the thought of losing his only daughter!
  6. Jairus loved his daughter enough that he was willing to do anything to make sure she met Jesus face-to-face!

#### She Saw Her Father’s Faith in Jesus

* 1. Lk. 8:49-50: She saw her father’s faith in the face of a hopeless situation!
  2. Jairus had faith Jesus could heal his little girl (Mt. 9:18; Mk. 5:23)
     1. After Jesus stopped to heal the woman who had been bleeding for 12 years (8:43-48), Jairus’ servants came to tell him to trouble Jesus no further – his daughter was dead! *This would have been a “punch to the gut” moment!*
        1. Healing is one thing, but this became a completely different matter!
  3. Jesus offered hope and assurance
     + 1. We know from other accounts that Jesus could heal with a word, that He didn’t need to go to Jairus’ house *(Mt. 8:8, 13: Centurion; Jn. 4:47, 50: Royal’s son).*
       2. Why didn’t He just heal her in Lk. 8:42, or wait to be delayed by the other woman till the little girl had died?
       3. You can imagine Jairus hurrying home, and when the event happened with the other woman, saying, “Oh Come on! She’s been sick for 12 years, my little girl is about to die!”
       4. Jesus had something better than healing in mind!
  4. Jairus had faith in Jesus to raise his daughter!
     + 1. Lk. 8:50: Jesus said, “Do not be afraid any longer; only believe, and she will be made well.”
       2. Jairus had a choice to make at this point: Do as the messenger said and leave Jesus alone, or trust in Jesus’ words and bring Him to his home.
       3. Jairus decided to trust in the words of Jesus and to “believe!”
  5. Jairus became an example of faith, trusting in the Lord’s words!

#### She Saw Her Father Amazed at What God Had Done

* 1. Lk. 8:51-56: Jesus and Jairus arrive at the house full of mourners and an amazing thing happens!
  2. Jairus invited the Lord into his home of weeping and mourning
     1. A large crowd was gathered there; Matthew says they were “in noisy disorder” (Mt. 9:23); Mark says they were “loudly weeping and wailing” (Mk. 5:38).
     2. Jesus refers to the girl as being “asleep” and the crowd’s weeping turns to laughter.
  3. Jairus invited Jesus to his daughter’s room
     1. Jesus takes Peter, James, John, Jairus and his wife, and shuts out everyone else (all those who laughed).
     2. He takes the little girl by the hand and says, “Child, arise!” This was such a memorable occasion, Mark records the Aramaic that Jesus actually used, “Talitha kum!” (Mk. 5:41)
     3. Jesus didn’t use fancy words (“Abracadabra”) or speak in Greek (language of commerce) or Hebrew (language of the Synagogue), but used Aramaic that the common people used.
     4. The little girl got up and walked! (Mk. 5:42) and Jesus gave orders for her to be given something to eat (Lk. 8:55). *Apparently, being dead takes a lot out of you!*
  4. Jairus and his wife were amazed
     1. Mk. 5:42: They were “completely astounded.” Jesus turned a funeral into a celebration!
     2. Lk. 8:56: They were “amazed.”
     3. Jairus’ daughter saw her parents “amazed” at what God had done!
     4. Our children need to see us “amazed” at the blessings from God!
  5. Our God is an amazing God – Eph. 3:20-21: Paul said God “is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think!” *(G5228 huper: “Super abundant”)* – Far more than healing, a resurrection from the dead!
  6. Jairus and his wife were amazed (“astonished”) at what God did for them – their faith was rewarded!

## Conclusion

1. When Jairus’ daughter was made alive and well, she would have seen her father’s love for her, his faith in Jesus, and his ability to be amazed by the blessings of God.
2. Our children need to see those qualities in us, to see us praise God and be amazed. They need to see us thank God for His blessings and all that He has done! (Col. 3:17). They need to see that God comes first in our lives in everything!
3. True love for our children is not to buy them the newest and greatest tech-toys, or a pony, but to bring them to Jesus.
4. Jairus’ daughter would have seen it was so important to her father that he was willing to do anything to bring Jesus into his home (Lk. 8:41).
5. What do your children see as important to you? Can they see your love, faith, and amazement at God?
6. If you are not a Christian, you need to be. Repent of your sins and be baptized!
7. If a Christian in error, Repent and be the example you need to be!
8. Whatever your requests, let them be made known ***NOW*** while we stand & sing!