



## Things to Talk About and Reflect Upon

### *"Dying Daughters"*

#### **Points from Sunday's Message**

1. Jesus is frequently sought only in the most desperate of situations.
2. Jesus is frequently thronged by desperate seekers with desperate situations.
3. Jesus' care for others frequently feels like neglect of me.
4. Apart from faith, the words and ways of Jesus can seem ridiculous.
5. Our desperate situations will find their ultimate resolution in eternity.

#### **Key Verse:**

*"Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well."*

— Luke 8:50

#### **Discussion Questions:**

##### **1. Desperation and Seeking Jesus**

**Questions:** Jairus only comes to Jesus when his situation becomes desperate. Pastor Miles said, *"Jesus is frequently sought only in the most desperate of situations."* Why do you think we often wait until things are urgent before seeking Jesus? Have you ever experienced a "last resort prayer" moment? What did it reveal about your faith?

**Further Reading:** Psalm 34:18, Hebrews 4:15–16

##### **2. When Jesus Stops for Someone Else**

**Questions:** While Jesus is on His way to heal Jairus' daughter, He stops to care for the woman with the issue of blood. Pastor Miles said, *"Jesus' care for others frequently feels like neglect of me."* Have you ever felt like God was answering prayers for others but not yours? How did that experience affect your trust in Him?

**Practical Application:** This week, when you're tempted to compare your situation with someone else's breakthrough, pause and thank God for their blessing instead of resenting it. What might that shift do in your heart?

### 3. Faith That Isn't Perfect

**Questions:** The woman's faith may have been mixed with superstition ("If only I touch His garment..."), yet Jesus did not rebuke her. He said, *"Daughter... your faith has made you well."* What does this teach us about imperfect or growing faith? Where in your life do you feel like your faith is weak or inconsistent?

**Further Reading:** Mark 9:24, Isaiah 42:3

### 4. "Too Late" Moments

**Questions:** When Jairus hears, "Your daughter is dead," it seems final. Pastor Miles reminded us: *"Jesus is not limited by what we call too late."* What feels "too late" in your life right now? How does Jesus' response — "Do not be afraid; only believe" — speak into that?

**Further Reading:** John 11:21–26, 1 Corinthians 15:26

### 5. When the Outcome Isn't What You Begged For

**Questions:** Pastor Miles emphasized that this story is not teaching "If you just believe hard enough, you'll always get a miracle," but that Jesus is the kind of Savior we can trust even when the outcome isn't what we hoped for. How do we continue trusting Jesus when healing doesn't come the way we prayed? What is the difference between trusting God for a specific outcome and trusting Him with the outcome?

**Practical Application:** Write down one prayer you've been carrying for a long time. Pray this week not only for the result, but for deeper trust in Christ regardless of the result.

### 6. The Eternal Reframe

**Question:** Pastor Miles reframed the entire passage around eternity: *"This life is not all there is."* How does an eternal perspective change the way we process loss and delay?

**Group Challenge:** Who is one person in your life right now that may need the light of Christ through you? What would it look like for you to live this week in light of eternity?

**Further Reading:** 2 Corinthians 4:16–18, Revelation 21:3–5

*Use these blended questions for deeper personal reflection, prayer, or small group discussion.*