

Jesus the Healer

Don't worry...
have faith



SERMON NOTES SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Luke 8:40-42; 49-56

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⁴⁰ Now when Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him. ⁴¹ Just then there came a man named Jairus, a leader of the synagogue. He fell at Jesus' feet and begged him to come to his house, ⁴² for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, who was dying.

⁴⁹ While he was still speaking, someone came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the teacher any longer." ⁵⁰ When Jesus heard this, he replied, "Do not fear. Only believe, and she will be saved." ⁵¹ When he came to the house, he did not allow anyone to enter with him, except Peter, John, and James, and the child's father and mother. ⁵² They were all weeping and wailing for her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." ⁵³ And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. ⁵⁴ But he took her by the hand and called out, "Child, get up!" ⁵⁵ Her spirit returned, and she got up at once. Then he directed them to give her something to eat. ⁵⁶ Her parents were astounded; but he ordered them to tell no one what had happened.

*Some of the questions below are adapted from James Wagner's devotional guide,
The Spiritual Heart of your Health, Upper Room Books, 2002.*

Carefully read and reread the Scripture passage. What thoughts, ideas, and questions come to you?

Name the specific illness in this story and list all the factors that seem to work together for healing.

Desperate parents do desperate things when their children are seriously ill. Put yourself in the story. If your child were critically ill, what would you do?

Ponder the role of faith in the healing process. Think about this Scripture from Hebrews 11, "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen....and without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would approach him must believe that he exists and that he answers those who seek him".