

A Dad Who Worships *Matthew 9:18-26*

Good Morning,

Happy Father's Day; I want to give you a dad test this morning.

- You know you are a dad if...an item won't scan during check out so you tell the cashier, "*I guess it's free then*"
- You know you are a dad if...'While using a stud finder, you point to your chest and say "*Eureka, here's a stud*"
- You know you are a dad if someone mistakes their left SIDE for their right and you say, "*no your other right*"
- You know you are a dad if...while falling asleep on the couch you say, "*I was just resting my eyes*"
- You know you are a dad if...while your neighbor is washing their car you say, "*are you going to do mine next*"
- You know you are a dad if...YOU SAY TO YOUR KIDS, "*Do as I say, not as I do*"

Please open your Bibles to the ***Gospel of Matthew 9***, as we take a one week break out of ***1 Corinthians***.

The Lord has been revealed to us in scripture by many different names; but there is one of His names I want to mention; which is ***Jehovah Shammah*** which means the Lord is **there**.

How reassuring it is for us as a child of the Most High God to know, no matter where we are or what we are going through, the Lord is always there?

It is amazing how many times Jesus went out of His way to meet the needs of people; especially those who were in bondage to sin

Think of the women at the well; no good Jew would go to Samaria; ***John 4:3 He left Judea and departed again to Galilee***

And ***John 4:4*** says ***He needed to go through Samaria. NKJV***

Jesus ***needed to go through Samaria*** because He had a pre-planned God appointment with a sinful woman, so He went out of His way to meet with her;

What lengths did Jesus go to; to seek you out when you were lost

In the ***Gospel of Matthew***; Jesus had already performed many miracles and then He went out of His way to cross over the Sea of Galilee where He met a man who was demon possessed.

Jesus then cast the demons out of the man into a herd of swine, before crossing back over the Sea of Galilee.

In our passage of ***Matthew*** this morning, Jesus is teaching the multitudes again and then some of ***John the Baptists' Disciples*** came and asked why His disciples were not fasting like them;

Jesus taught them how wrong it was to put new wine into old wine skins; Jesus revealed to them that certain rituals were part of an old torn belief system of works, self effort, and religion.

If someone were to use a new piece of material to patch an old piece of clothing, it would shrink over time with washing; it would no longer be of any use and would actually be worse.

Their religious system was unfit to contain a true work of God.

Jesus was saying what John's disciples were seeing was a work of the Holy Spirit, which was out of their **control**. And Jesus was promising the new work of Christianity would endure time.

I. A ruler's desperate worship.

Read *Matthew 9:18-19*

While Jesus was teaching the truths about the new wine, a ruler of the Synagogue came to Him.

Luke 8 and *Mark 5* are parallel accounts to this and we are told that this man's name was Jairus, (Jeye) a ruler of the synagogue.

Jairus (Jeye) was the chief ruler and the highest religious official in Capernaum at this time.

Luke 8:41 And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house,

Luke 8:42 for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. NKJV

Jairus' name means "Whom God **enlightens**".

Previously in *Matthew 8* a centurion came to Jesus and asked Him to heal his servant; Jesus marveled at the Centurion's faith.

Also in *Luke 6*, we are told that the leaders of the Synagogue were angry that Jesus healed people on the Sabbath Day.

The Jewish religious leaders' were mad that the Lord had healed someone contrary to the manmade rules of their religion.

This man Jairus was probably one of the very leaders of the synagogue mentioned in *Luke 6*, who was mad at Jesus; but now Jairus had become so desperate because his daughter was sick

When **religion** or life fails us to the point that we can no longer handle it, it should compel us to be desperate and go to Jesus.

In *Luke 8:42* we are told that this was Jairus' only daughter and she was only 12 years old and was dying.

Desperation can take away some of our preconceived ideas and this religious leader had witnessed Jesus heal others.

So Jairus goes to Jesus and puts away his worthless religion.

I want you to notice the first thing this religious leader does is to come and worship Jesus.

In desperation, this religious ruler had no concern about what anyone else thought; he knew Jesus was the only answer, so he makes his way to Jesus and falls down at His feet to worship.

Jairus was at the end of himself, he had no power to raise his daughter back to life and he was desperate.

Jairus remembered how Jesus healed in the synagogue and believed He could also raise his daughter back from the dead.

By remembering what Jesus has done in the past, we begin to believe He can raise dead people back to life all around us.

Notice Jesus' response in *vs. 19*; He rose up and followed Jairus to his house, because Jesus is attracted to human **weakness**.

Paul said in, 2 Corinthians 12:7, And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.

2 Corinthians 12:8 Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me.

2 Corinthians 12:9 And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."NKJV

It has been said that, *"True growth and transformation aren't the result of working in our own strength. We can't change ourselves no matter how hard we try.*

Transformation is only possible when we declare the truth of our weakness, stop living in our own strength, and receive the power of a loving, present God.

*“Transformation comes when we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill us, empower us, and set us free, not because we are **deserving** of His help, but because He loves us.”*

II. Ministry interrupted.

Read *Matthew 9:20-22*

Jesus was so touched by the religious leader’s desperation and worship; He heads towards Jairus’ house to meet his need.

But in *vs.20*, we meet a second desperate person; as suddenly a woman who had a blood flow for 12 years comes to touch Jesus.

KEY: Jesus was busy doing ministry; but He was not too busy to notice other real needs around Him as He ministered.

Let’s talk about some differences between the two people:

- Jairus had experienced 12 years of joy from his daughter.
- 12 years earlier was a day of celebration at her birth.
- This woman has experienced 12 years of suffering.
- 12 Years earlier blood problem began, it was miserable

In the Law of Moses, *Leviticus 15:25* ***‘If a woman has a discharge of blood for many days, other than at the time of her customary impurity, or if it runs beyond her usual time of impurity, all the days of her unclean discharge shall be as the days of her customary impurity. She shall be unclean. NKJV***

She could not be near her children, husband or anyone else.

In the Jewish custom, a husband could have divorced her for this blood flow problem; so basically, the **Law** cut her off from life.

The religious leaders taught this occurred because God was mad

Luke 8:43 Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, NKJV

Neither money, medicine, nor anything else could heal this woman.

Jesus is the only place we can turn for our ultimate need because **faith** is the only currency in God's economy;

Faith is not a force; faith is trusting what the Lord has said!

Alistair Begg, "Faith in Jesus Christ is acknowledging the truth of everything that God has revealed in His Word, trusting in Him, and also receiving and resting on Him alone for salvation"

Mark 5:26 She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. NKJV

She tried everything the world had to offer; but there was no cure. How many people do we see today spending all of their resources trying to find, joy, peace, healing and a better life?

Then in ***Mark 5:27 When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment. NKJV***

She found Jesus because somebody told her about Him.

When we see someone in desperate need, the only answer is to point them to their real need for Jesus.

Sure, we can help with temporary needs, financial needs and other things; but ultimately, all people need Jesus.

The word *touch* is the word *haptomai* (*Hop- two-ma*) which means to fasten one's self to, adhere to, or **cling** to.

This woman **clutched** the tassels of Jesus' garment because of her desperate need and belief that nothing could keep her from getting to Jesus.

Desperation drove this woman to cling to Jesus and notice as soon as she touched Jesus she was healed instantly.

In *Mark 5*, Jesus asked, "*Who touched Me?*" Jesus knew the answer but asked this for the sake of those there that day.

The Master knew someone had touched the edge of His garment and at that moment a mighty miracle occurred.

This woman knew Jesus had the power to heal her, but Jesus wanted her to come to know Him personally as well.

Our Lord Jesus was not ashamed to be touched by the untouchable, and He was not embarrassed to be publicly identified with the outcasts of this world.

With our Lord there are no "untouchable" people. In Jesus' eyes, everyone is touchable; there are no hopeless cases with Him.

He was not offended or angry at her, nor was He too busy or too tired to bother with her.

He loves you as if there was only one person in the entire universe to love.

Notice her response: The other Gospels say *she bowed down trembling*, but notice Jesus' response is to call her *Daughter*.

This is the only time in the Gospels someone is called *Daughter*.

Daughter is a term of endearment and probably the same term Jairus used of his daughter who was at home dying.

Jesus was claiming this woman as His own **special child!**

Jesus was on the way to raise a young girl back from the dead, but on the way He is interrupted from His journey by this unclean woman.

Can you just hear Jairus, "*Hey what about my daughter*"?

How many times have we wondered, how come God hears everyone else's prayer except mine? He loves everyone but me.

The feeling of being just another face in the crowd can be the loneliest and most helpless situation that one can ever imagine.

But this woman's faith made her well; not her touching Jesus.

She believed Jesus was able and her faith caused her to make her way to the only One who could heal her. **Real faith will move us towards Jesus!**

This woman's faith was not perfect, she was afraid, but she was at the end of herself and pushed her way through the crowd to touch the only One who could give her life.

Belief and trust go hand in hand. It is not enough to have an intellectual belief about God; our faith moves us towards Him.

Both *Mark* and *Luke* say that Jesus told her to go in peace. She was made whole by Jesus so she could go in peace.

You can spend all of your money, all of your time and all of your peace trying to become **whole**; but if you do not make your way to Jesus, you will never know true peace.

Acts 4:12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." NKJV

We must really trust that Jesus is the only One who can save us!

This was a 12 year story of two desperate people; a desperate father and a desperate woman.

III. Interruption over, back to the need at hand.

Read *Matthew 9:23-26*

In the Jewish culture, professional mourners were hired to keep long vigils while the body lay in state.

Even a poor family would at least hire two flute players and one professional mourner; but don't forget, Jairus was a leader of the synagogue so this was not a poor family.

Mourners would play instruments as they mourned the dead.

Sometimes a professional mourner would express the **grief** that the family could not bring themselves to do in public.

Notice the reaction of these mourners as Jesus informs them that the little girl will rise; they ridiculed Jesus.

(KJV) Matthew 9:24 “And they laughed him to scorn” KJV

Just imagine what these professional mourners were thinking, *“We have mourned over hundreds of dead people, we know if someone is dead or not and this little girl is dead, not sleeping”*

Many have asked the question, *“Why did Jesus put these mockers out before He performed this miracle”*.

Jesus' fame has been growing as He cast out demons, healed different people, calmed a storm, and now He is at the home of this distraught father.

As Jesus walks to Jairus' home, a friend informs Jairus of the sad news, ***"Your daughter is dead."*** But Jesus said ***"Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well."***

So why does Jesus ask the mourners to leave? Maybe...

- Jesus didn't want to cast His pearls before swine or to make entertainment out of His miracle in front of mockers.
- By clearing the room of an extremely noisy crowd, He brought peace, quiet, and stillness to the situation.

When a person has **unbelief** in their heart, it is hard for them to see miracles as they occur.

There are only **5 people** who got to witness the miracle of Jairus' daughter's resurrection: Jairus, the mother, and Jesus' closest three disciples, Peter, James, and John.

There are three different times where Jesus allows only these three Disciples to witness special events.

1. Here, the raising of Jairus' daughter.
2. Mount of Transfiguration.
3. Garden of Gethsemane.

Many wonder what the reason was, for Peter, James, and John being the closest to Jesus.

What if the real reason was these Disciples had a lot to learn?

Peter constantly messed up and James and John were constantly wanted to be the greatest in the kingdom.

Mark 10:37 "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory." NKJV

As we read the accounts of these men later, it is a different story.

Later, after being filled with the Holy Spirit in *Acts 2*, we see Peter preaching his first sermon and thousands were converted to Christ.

In *Acts 9*, Peter raises Tabitha back from the dead, just like he witnessed Jesus do for Jairus' daughter.

Matthew 9:25 Jesus took the girl by the hand and she arose.

Mark's account *Mark 5:41* ***Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, "Talitha, cumi," which is translated, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." NKJV***

"*Talitha cumi*," is actually a term of endearment which means "little lamb".

The Good Shepherd said to this little girl, "***My little lamb, I say unto you, arise***", with words of incredible love and power.

In *Mark 5* and *Luke 8* Jesus says "***tell no one what happened***"

But we are told here in *Matthew 9*, the report of this healing went into all the land.

With all the people there that day, I think it would be pretty difficult to hide the fact that this dead girl is now living again.

Also in *Luke 8:56*, we are told ***her parents were astonished***,

This is the same way the fame of Jesus spreads today, people witness dead people raised to life and there is no hiding it.

Ephesians 2:1 you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, NKJV

When people see the obvious changes in our life, we won't have to convince anyone we got saved, they will see it themselves!

Luke 8:56 And her parents were astonished. People should be astonished by our new life, so LIVE JESUS LOUD!

IV. Practical Application.

Here Jesus allowed both of these people to get to the end of themselves so they could make their way to Him.

No matter how weak your faith is, make your way to Jesus.

What did this little girl learn about her dad?

Jairus' daughter learned to **seek Jesus** out in her time of need.

Jairus was at the end of his rope, so he turned to Jesus and cried out for help for his daughter. Our children need to see us venerable at times as they see we run to Jesus for help.

We need to demonstrate that our faith is in the One who hung the moon and the stars; but we also need to demonstrate that prayer is our first resort not our last hope.

There is power when people hear and see us calling on the name of Jesus and admitting He is the only One who can help us.

Jairus' daughter learned her father was not ashamed to bring Jesus into their **home**.

You see, what our homes need more than cable or internet or even food and water; is for Jesus to be the very center of our existence.

Our country is in desperate need of bold parents to make Jesus the standard in our homes; where Jesus Christ is more than a swear word or a picture on the wall of the Last Supper.

As Christ followers, we realize Jesus lives within us all the time, not just Sunday morning in a building we call the church.

Jairus was not ashamed to seek out Jesus and then he was not ashamed to invite him into his home...finally,

Jairus' daughter saw that Jairus was not ashamed to express his **love** towards her.

Our children need to see expressions of love from their parents.

If our children do not receive the love they need from us; they will seek it from people who may not have their best interest in mind.

Jairus loved his daughter so much; he was willing to leave her side to seek out Jesus; the only One who could heal her.

Remember who Jairus was; he was a powerful, rich man, who then humbled himself to call upon the Lord. *What would cause a man to forget his place in society and humble himself?*

Love for someone else; Jairus loved his daughter and trusted the Lord. Because of the faith he demonstrated; his daughter's life became a powerful example of God's grace, healing and power.

- Love is not giving your kids all they ask for; because love does not come from things
- True love corrects when necessary and True love is demonstrated by being there.

The Lord is where we are to take the **God-sized** issues in our life to find help in our time of need.

What lengths did Jesus go to; to seek you out when you were lost

We need to call on the Lord and teach our children the same! Jesus is known as Jehovah Shammah, the Lord is **there**.

The Lord has promised to never leave us, nor forsake us, when we come to know the Love of God in a true tangible way; we can then pass on that Faith to our kids.

Our Father is the **best example** we can try to emulate and demonstrate to others. A good dad is a dad who worships and demonstrates the love of Christ.