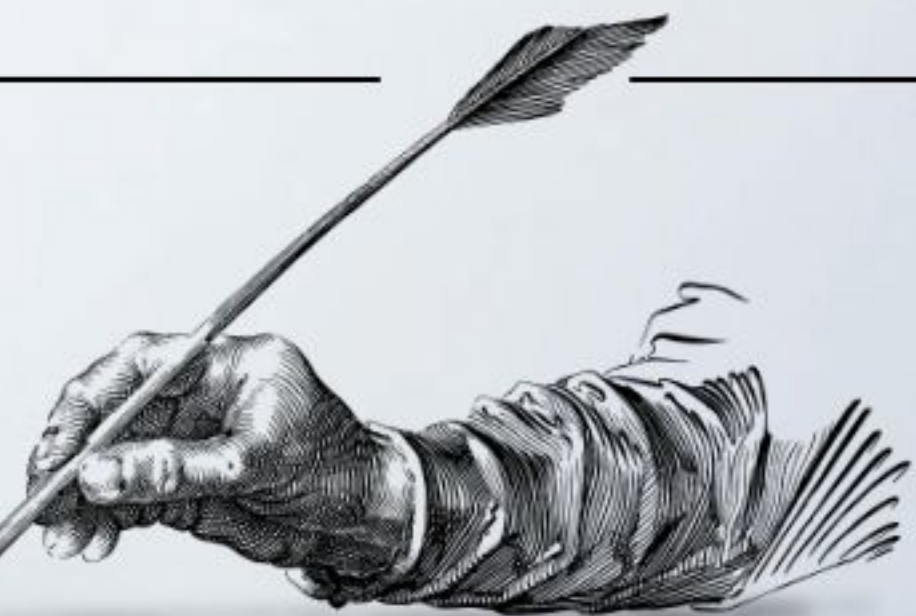


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When God is Late

Luke 8:40-56

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40 And as Jesus was returning, the people welcomed Him, for they had all been waiting for Him. 41 And a man named Jairus came, and he was an official of the synagogue; and he fell at Jesus' feet, and began urging Him to come to his house; 42 for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, and she was dying. But as He went, the crowds were pressing against Him.

43 And a woman who had suffered a chronic flow of blood for twelve years, and could not be healed by anyone, 44 came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped. 45 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." 46 But Jesus said, "Someone did touch Me, for I was aware that power had left Me." 47 Now when the woman saw that she had not escaped notice, she came trembling and fell down before Him, and admitted in the presence of all the people the reason why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. 48 And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace."

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49 While He was still speaking, someone came from the house of the synagogue official, saying, “Your daughter has died; do not trouble the Teacher anymore.” 50 But when Jesus heard this, He responded to him, “Do not be afraid any longer; only believe, and she will be made well.” 51 When He came to the house, He did not allow anyone to enter with Him except Peter, John, and James, and the girl’s father and mother. 52 Now they were all weeping and mourning for her; but He said, “Stop weeping, for she has not died, but is asleep.” 53 And they began laughing at Him, knowing that she had died. 54 He, however, took her by the hand and spoke forcefully, saying, “Child, arise!” 55 And her spirit returned, and she got up immediately; and He ordered that something be given her to eat. 56 Her parents were amazed; but He instructed them to tell no one what had happened.





Waiting for God

- Abraham -
 - Take matter into our own hands
 - Gen 16:1-2: Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had not borne him a child, but she had an Egyptian slave woman whose name was Hagar. 2 So Sarai said to Abram, "See now, the Lord has prevented me from bearing children. Please have relations with my slave woman; perhaps I will obtain children through her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai.
- Red Sea -
 - Blame and deny God
 - Ex 14:10-11: As Pharaoh approached, the sons of Israel looked, and behold, the Egyptians were coming after them, and they became very frightened; so the sons of Israel cried out to the Lord. 11 Then they said to Moses, "Is it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you dealt with us in this way, bringing us out of Egypt?"
- Lazarus
 - Trust, even without knowing the answer
 - Jn 11:21-22: Martha then said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 Even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You."

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The Woman

- Unhealable v 43
 - Mark 5:24 and had endured much at the hands of many physicians, and had spent all that she had and was not helped at all, but instead had become worse
- Power left me v 46
 - Brings her out into the open, to be restored to the community, not simply healed (She would have been permanently unclean before)
- Faith made you well v 48
 - Jesus identifies that it was her faith in His healing power that made her well.
- The Delay
- Remember Jairus perspective. He has been waiting for Jesus, his daughter is critically ill, and Jesus stops and looks around a crowd to ask who touched him.



The Worst Possible Outcome

- Your daughter is dead (v49)
- Only believe v 50
 - Jesus calls Jairus out of any of these negative responses
 - Fear = the emotion when something we value is threatened
- How would the three situations have changed if they had responded in faith in God's overwhelming promises?
 - Abraham - Waited on the Lord's timing
 - Israel - Would not have complained or accused God.
 - Martha - Received comfort
- Beware false promises ("claiming the name of Jesus")
 - Job, lost everything (including children)
 - Stephen, martyr
 - Paul, thorn in the flesh
 - John the Baptist, martyr (while Jesus was present)
 - Jesus in Gethsemane, let this cup pass
 - Martyrs in Hebrews 11.





Jairus' Daughter

- Only a few v 51
 - Private, this miracle was not public
- Sleep v 52
 - Emphasizes the reversible nature of death from God's perspective
 - Jesus doesn't always use the term sleep
- Spirit returned v 55
 - She had actually been fully dead, her spirit had left her body (death = separation)
- Give her food v 55
 - Proof of full resurrection and restoration of bodily function
 - Parallels Jesus request for food after his resurrection (Luke 24:41)
- Tell no one v 56
 - It was not done to increase Jesus popularity or notoriety, it was a gift to Jairus and his family



Why We Wait for God

- Because it glorifies Himself
 - Man born blind, John 9:3, 3 Jesus answered, “It was neither that this man sinned, nor his parents; but it was so that the works of God might be displayed in him.
 - Same resurrections as in the whole old testament by Jesus Himself (not counting His own)
- Because He loves us
 - Lazarus - John 11:5-6, (Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister, and Lazarus.) 6 So when He heard that he was sick, He then stayed two days longer in the place where He was.



‘Do not fear. Only believe.’

