

“Faith: Tried and Tested”

Luke 8:40-56

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Enjoy sharing stories of your thanksgiving holiday!

“If your faith hasn't been tested it probably isn't trusted”

1. What's the difference in saying “I have faith in God” and knowing “I trust the faith I have in God”? (a rather deep question to start with, come back later if you'd like!)
2. What experiences have you had that challenged your faith in God?
3. What was the challenge to Jairus' faith?
4. How did Jesus affirm and encourage Jairus' faith?

READ: Luke 8:43-48

5. Why was the woman ashamed to come right out before Jesus in the first place?

Do we let our past or our failures shame us into believing that God can't use us or that He's not pleased with us? That's shame. And it is not true in the life of grace! I wonder how many people won't come to church because they feel like they are not worthy.

6. How do we sometimes let our shame hold us back from believing what God says is true about us?

Jesus doesn't condemn the faith of either Jairus or the woman. He simply leads them and affirms them. What a gift that the Lord encourages us through others and allows us to be that encouragement to those around us.

7. Sometimes we measure our faith against someone else and feel inadequate. How much faith did Jairus really have in Jesus? What about the woman?

You probably don't have too little faith, you just need to exercise the faith you have.

8. Where in your life is God calling upon you to trust Him? Is He asking you to speak up and confess your faith with someone at work? Is He teaching you to trust Him with the timing of a situation?

9. What verses can you think of that encourage us to 'wait on the Lord'?

Jesus stepped right into ministry opportunities. He didn't ignore the woman just because He was headed to Jairus' home. He instead stopped and took opportunity to serve another.

10. Does God interrupt our plans to give us opportunities to minister to someone else for His glory? Examples?

Let's pray that as our faith is tried and tested, we wouldn't miss what He is doing in us nor would we miss the opportunities He is giving us to trust Him and serve others!