

“You Are Not Forgotten”

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Prayer of the Day

Lord Jesus, we come before You today asking You to help us to be content in all circumstances. Whether we have plenty or are in need, please help us to be grateful and at peace. In truth, we have all things through You. Whether we are rich, poor, needy, or well fed, we have enough because we have You. Help us remember this rather than falling into the cycle of wanting what we do not have. In Your name we pray, Amen.

Scripture Reading

Luke 8:42b-48

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Message Notes

Isaiah 49:14-16

But Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me, my Lord has forgotten me." Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me.

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Study Questions

Read Luke 8:40-48

ICEBREAKER – Getting started:

1. Have you ever had to wait a long time for something you really needed or hoped for? How did you feel during the waiting?

2. In Luke 8:40-48 we read about a woman who reached out in faith, believing even a touch could change everything. When was a time your faith (big or small) made a difference in your life? Describe the situation.

Based on Luke 8:40-48, answer the following questions:

OBSERVATION – What does the text say?

1. As you read **Luke 8:40-48**, what comes to mind? What stands out? What is interesting to you and why?
2. In one sentence, how would you summarize this text?
3. What lesson or message do you think the author is trying to convey?

INTERPRETATION – What does the text mean?

1. Why do you think the crowd was so eager to welcome Jesus when He returned?
2. What might the woman's condition have cost her socially, emotionally, and spiritually in her community?
3. What do you think motivated her to approach Jesus the way she did - quietly and secretly?
4. Why do you think she believed that simply touching Jesus' cloak would heal her?
5. What does this story reveal about the connection between faith and healing?
6. How do you imagine the woman felt when Jesus asked, "Who touched me?"
7. Why do you think Jesus didn't let her remain anonymous after the healing?
8. What can we learn from Jesus calling her "Daughter"?
9. How does this story show the compassion and personal attention of Jesus, even in a large crowd?
10. In what ways do we sometimes approach Jesus with "hidden" needs or quiet prayers, like the woman did?
11. What does this passage teach us about the importance of acknowledging what Jesus has done for us publicly?
12. How can this story encourage us to have bold faith even when we feel unworthy or overlooked?

APPLICATION – How can you apply the text?

1. When have you felt desperate for God's help, like the woman in this story? How did you reach out to Him?
2. The woman showed bold faith by approaching Jesus despite social and religious barriers. What "barriers" might keep you from coming to Jesus today?
3. Jesus took time to stop and speak to the woman, affirming her faith. How can you slow down enough to notice and care for people who are hurting around you?