

A Reach of Faith
Activating Our Purpose Series
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PRAYER

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Read: Matthew 9:18-26 (NKJV)

¹⁸ While He spoke these things to them, behold, a ruler came and worshiped Him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay Your hand on her and she will live.” ¹⁹ So Jesus arose and followed him, and so *did* His disciples. ²⁰ And suddenly, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came from behind and touched the hem of His garment. ²¹ For she said to herself, “If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well.” ²² But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, “Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that hour. ²³ When Jesus came into the ruler’s house, and saw the flute players and the noisy crowd wailing, ²⁴ He said to them, “Make room, for the girl is not dead, but sleeping.” And they ridiculed Him. ²⁵ But when the crowd was put outside, He went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. ²⁶ And the report of this went out into all that land.

II. Matthew 9:18-19 - A Desperate Plea

1. As we start this passage, we see a ruler coming to Jesus, humbly begging for His help. Despite his status, he seeks Jesus out in faith, believing that Jesus can raise his daughter from death.
2. What can we learn about faith and humility from this ruler's approach to Jesus?

III. Matthew 9:20-22 - A Woman's Faith and Healing

1. In these verses, we see a woman who has been suffering for twelve years. Despite her long-term condition, she has faith that just touching Jesus' garment will heal her. Her faith is rewarded when Jesus acknowledges her and confirms her healing.
2. What does Jesus' response to the woman's faith reveal about His character and mission?

IV. Matthew 9:23-26 - A Miracle of Resurrection

1. Upon arriving at the ruler's house, Jesus dismisses the crowd and brings the girl back to life, demonstrating His authority over life and death.
2. What does this miracle say about Jesus' power and divinity?
3. How does the crowd's initial skepticism and subsequent amazement reflect our own reactions to God's power?

PRAYER REQUESTS / PRAISE REPORTS

CARE: Follow-up during the week