

## The Compassion of Jesus

### A tale of two pastors

Pastor: “There is a pile of dead bodies behind [my church’s] bus... you either get on the bus, or you get run over by the bus. Those are the options.”

The story of Nate: “I was in London [with the above pastor, taking care of his itinerary]. I got a double eye infection. I couldn’t see. And there was this other, English church planting pastor. Amazing guy. And he met with me, and said, ‘Are you alright?’ ... [This pastor] literally walked me through London to go to an eye hospital and prayed over me... he took his whole day, stayed with me, literally by the hand...” The other pastor just wanted to know if he was contagious.

## Compassion that Builds Faith

### The instrument of faith

Ephesians 2:8 “By grace you have been saved **through faith**”

Romans 3:24-25 “...and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, **to be received by faith.**”

Romans 4:3 “For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham **believed God**, and it was counted to him as righteousness.

### A series of questions

1. What is required for Jairus’ daughter to be healed? (look at vs. 34, 36)
2. What is going to happen before they arrive? (vs. 35)
3. Why is the number twelve repeated twice? What is the connection?

### The importance of testimony

**Compassion that Breaks Rules**

Rule # 1 – The rich, powerful, important, and connected get taken care of first

*Contrast of Jairus and the bleeding woman*

*Jairus learns humility and faith*

Rule # 2 – Medical care goes to the most urgent need

*Certainly, there is a reason for taking care of the most critical cases first...*

*What is the point of Jesus’ detour? Is this malpractice or something else?*

*How often do you feel like God isn’t doing the most important thing?*

Rule # 3 – Death is permanent and irreversible

*Notice the laughter of the professional mourners*

*We are going to wake up and eat!*

*Romans 11:33 <sup>“33</sup> Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!”*

**Questions for Personal Study**

1. What rules did Jesus break, and why?
2. Have you ever been in a situation like Jairus? Did you have a testimony to share from it?
3. What lesson did Jairus learn from the woman with the discharge of blood?
4. What does Daniel 3:17-19 teach us about the power of faith and how God saves us?