



Luke 8:40-56

“When God Interrupts”

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Discuss:

1. Today we looked at the story of two people getting healed. One was a woman you had an untreatable medical condition for 12 years, and the other was a 12 year old girl that had died. Often times we identify with stories in the Bible based upon our personal stories.

Which of the two stories did you identify with more, and why?

2. In life, we will have to face extremely difficult circumstances, which often exceed our abilities to solve the problem. In truth, often these circumstances can lead to despair in our lives. Brad talked about *Despair being the prelude to grace*, or in other terms *Desperation being the seed- bed of grace*.

Share a time in your life, in which things seemed hopeless. How did God show up? How did that effect your faith?

3. Within the text, we saw Jairus’ journey to his house delayed by Jesus healing a woman. Later, Jairus is informed that his daughter had died. Within this, we discussed Life’s delays are lessons in faith.

Looking back in life - what are some of the circumstances in your life that you have experienced life’s delays? How did you respond at the time? How did that effect you mentally, emotionally, and spiritually at the time? What did you learn from that experience? How are you different because of that experience?

4. The last lesson in faith we discussed today was Faith interprets death from God's viewpoint. From our viewpoint, we interpret death as the moment our body ceases to function. From God's viewpoint death is defined as eternal separation from God. Since God's children will never be separated from Him - this means we will never die (be cast away from God) from God's viewpoint.

Knowing we have this assurance and hope, how should this shape and form the way that we live our lives today?