

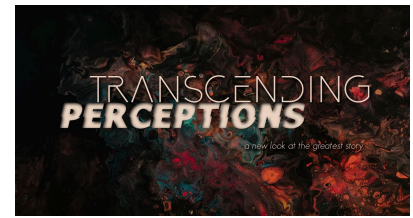


Transcending Perceptions

'Desperate Daughter'

Luke 8:40-48

October 11th, 2020



Transcending Perceptions Series Graphic

Aaron's Artwork

- Painting of the bleeding woman that touches Jesus
- Recorded in three of the four gospels
- But it wasn't an isolated incident - **need to give context**

Luke 8:40

Now when Jesus **returned**, a crowd welcomed him, for they were all expecting him.

Returned from where?

Huge crowds had been following Jesus - he needs a break

Gets in a boat - Galilee - calms the storm

Gets OFF the boat - demon possessed man

Ministers to THOSE people

Gets BACK in a boat, across the lake

And there is ANOTHER crowd of needy people

Lined up like the DMV - waiting on Jesus

THIS is ministry

Amazing to see how Jesus did it

So many needs, so little time

Luke 8:41-42

Then a man named **Jairus**, a synagogue leader, came and **fell at Jesus' feet**, pleading with him to come to his house because **his only daughter**, a girl of about twelve, **was dying**.

Jairus - local, known, respected, spiritual leader

Modern Day equivalent to a local pastor

"And falling at Jesus' feet, he implored him to come to his house." Grown men tended not to do this.

In that culture - especially as a spiritual/religious leader
You conducted yourself with dignity
You didn't run.
You didn't throw yourself at someone's feet

But this man is humble, and he's desperate,
and he's begging Jesus to leave this crowd,
and to come to his home. Why?

***"For he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age,
and she was dying."***

Jairus' story resonates with me personally
He's essentially a pastor, as I am,
His daughter was about twelve years of age.
My daughter Lucy is six

*And if I'm honest - I was terrified of having a daughter
But let me tell you - it is SO special

Those boys of mine are incredible
But my Lucy is something so different and incredible
She has my number
I DEFINITELY treat her different than her brothers

And I believe this is a REAL story
And I can't imagine what it would be like
For your only daughter to be on her death bed

Jairus loves his daughter like I love my daughter.

How do we know?
He's done everything he can to help her.
Leaves her on her deathbed with her mother
Desperately begging Jesus to come heal his daughter.

This is a man who will do anything to see his little girl get better.
So Jesus and the disciples start to follow Jairus

[Luke 8:42](#)

[As Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him.](#)

Everyone has a need, a request.

This is how ministry is.

It's constant disruption and interruption.

Jesus loves Jairus, and his daughter,

and surrounding him are **other people that he loves.**

-Sickness, depression, blindness, deafness, demon possession

-Other religious/political leaders that want to critique

-Some people just wanted a selfie:)

Jesus has all of these demands,

one of the hardest things in ministry is discerning,

"Okay, I can't serve everyone even though I WANT to,

I need to decide how to best utilize my time

there are so many legitimate needs."

You have to learn how to ignore critics,

or just people who want to hang out,

when there are so many URGENT needs in people's lives

And it's NOT because you don't love them,

but because people are in crisis, and time is short.

Jesus, at this point, is God become a man.

And all of these needs are collapsing and crushing around him.

He needs to get to this little girl

But the needs of the crowd are not any less urgent

And Jesus has to make a decision where to go.

And if you have ever done ministry - YOU GET THIS

Pray for your ministry leaders

***Back from Beaver's Bend - TERRIFIED to start checking in

If you don't feel like we got back to you quickly,

somehow you were not tended to,

accept my sincere apology,

Sometimes it is five crises to get to your crisis,

and most of the time we are overwhelmed.

So Jesus, surrounded by needs and requests
Is trying to follow Jairus through the crowd to his daughter
Pushing through the requests and urgent pleas

And this is where **THIS (Painting) wonderful lady** enters the story

[Luke 8:43](#)

And a **woman** was there who had been subject to **bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her.**

This woman had chronic bleeding,
possibly a uterine hemorrhage for twelve years.

As long as Jairus' daughter, had been alive,
this woman had been bleeding.

Gospel of Mark tell us

She had spend all her money on doctors - didn't work
:) Luke (Physician) didn't mention that detail :)

As I have stared at this painting
And listen to other people talk about it
Always ONE WORD:

Desperate

You can see it her expression in Aaron's Art
And you can see it right here in the text

This woman is **desperate**, and she's **destitute**.

She's desperate in that she has tried every form of treatment.

She's gone to the doctor.

She's undergone alternative therapy.

She has prayed and fasted.

She has gone to the healing center.

She has done everything that medicine would make available to her.

She is also destitute in addition to desperate.

She has spent all of her money.

She is now absolutely impoverished.

This is what happens to those who are suffering,
who have physical ailment,
even today.

Desperate, destitute and ALONE

Leviticus 15 tells us that this condition would have made her ceremonially, ritually, under the old covenant, unclean.

Here's what this means:

No one has touched her in twelve years.

No one has hugged her.

No one has laid a hand on her to pray for her.

No one has kissed her on the top of the head in comfort.

No one has held her hand.

She has not had physical contact for a dozen years.

She was forbidden from marital intimacy.

No husband.

No children.

She's very isolated and lonely in her suffering.

She can't be in crowds.

She's not allowed to go to the temple or to synagogue in worship.

The only thing worse than suffering is suffering in isolation.

There's no one to be with you,

to talk to you,

to share with you.

This woman lives a life like that.

She lives by herself.

She eats all her meals by herself.

She worships God by herself.

She has no money.

She has no church.

She has no hope.

And she hears that Jesus has come to town.

Some of you are in that condition;

some of you know and love people in that condition.
They have spent their life savings.
They have sold their home.
They have unloaded their assets.
They have cashed in their retirement account.
They have maxed out their credit cards.

Their friends, family, and coworkers have hosted benefits.
They've thrown all the money they can
toward that need, and nothing changes.
And they're without hope, and they're without help.
And they're desperate, destitute and alone

This woman is in a horrible condition,
and here she is before Jesus.

Jesus, surrounded by people in need.
On his way to heal a 12 year old little girl.
Crosses paths with this desperate women.

Luke 8:44

She came up behind him and **touched the edge of his cloak**, and
immediately **her bleeding stopped**.

This is Luke, the doctor, giving us a medical diagnosis.
She's not supposed to be near the crowd.
She's not supposed to touch anyone - ritually unclean
But somehow she presses through the crowd.
She gets to Jesus.
She must be on her face as an act of worship
she reaches out and touches the hem of his garment.

And I want you to see that that is an act of faith.

And I understand that this concept of faith,
that we're saved by faith,
that we live by faith,
that we're kept by faith,
it may be a difficult abstract concept,

but I want you to see it here as reaching out to Jesus.

That's what faith is.

She has faith in her heart,
 which is a gift of God,
 and she reaches out in faith,
 trusting, knowing, believing,

If I could just touch the end of his robe, I could be healed.

She has great faith, saving faith in Jesus.

And in that instant, her soul is healed
 She becomes a worshiper of Jesus
 Her body is healed,
and the power of God is unleashed in her life through faith.

You need to know that this is how it works.

God does not act in your life when you BELIEVE
 He begins to work in your life when you ACT on that belief

It's all about obedience

 It's all about actually LIVING in a way
 That represents that Jesus is who he said he is

I can BELIEVE that a chair will hold me

 But I'm not putting my FAITH in it
 Until I SIT in the chair
 Put my TRUST in the chair

The power of God is unleashed in our life through faith,
 When we not only believing in Jesus.
 But my acting on that belief.

And let me say this, and this is beautiful:

She does not make Jesus unclean.
Jesus makes her clean.

Same is true for you.
No matter what uncleanliness (nice way to say it)
 You bring to Jesus
 He can clean it up.

This painting shows a woman, desperate, destitute and alone
Ceremonially unclean
Who is saved by faith, reaching out to Jesus, and receiving new life.

[Luke 8:45](#)

“Who touched me?” Jesus asked.

This might be a rhetorical question.

:)Kids/Cookie Jar

Who ate the cookies?

Not me, maybe it was the cookie rapture!

Jesus here is inviting her to come forward
and publicly confess what she’s done.

“Who was it that touched me?”

Then Peter speaks up

With a total ‘Captain Obvious’ comment

I love Peter - I KNOW I would have done the same thing

[Luke 8:45](#)

When they all denied it, **Peter** said, “Master, the **people** are **crowding** and **pressing against you.**”

Thank you Peter,

I had no idea that these were all people around me,
and that the pushing was from the people.

What would we do without you, and your tremendous insights

[Luke 8:46](#)

But Jesus said, “**Someone** touched me; I know that **power has gone out from me.**”

I don’t know what this felt/looked/smelt like

I have no reference point for this - SUPERNATURAL

I love the way Aaron depicts it - GREEN SLIME

But what I do know is....

The power of God is unleashed in the life of this woman
by her reaching out in faith to Jesus,
and I would encourage you today,
reach out in faith to Jesus
so the power of God might be unleashed in your life.

Luke 8:47

Then the **woman**, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came **trembling** and **fell at his feet**.

She was terrified
She wasn't supposed to be in public
Surely someone would recognize her
She had just touches a RABBH!!!!
She could have been brought to charges in this culture
She didn't know what was going to happen
Will Jesus reject me?
Publicly shamed.
Have I made HIM unclean.
But she comes forward and....

Luke 8:47

In the presence of all the people, **she told why** she had touched him
and how she had been **instantly healed**.

She tells everyone the truth.
It's her story.
It can be YOUR story as well.
And then Jesus lifts her up,
Looks at her...

Luke 8:48

Then he said to her, "**Daughter**, your faith has healed you. Go in peace."

This woman (PAINTING)

The only person that Jesus ever calls....

Daughter

Powerful words.

She may have been older than Jesus.

She's been bleeding for twelve years,

Jesus is in his early thirties,

not unlikely that she was older.

Why was he calling her, possibly older, 'daughter'???

Well, I believe, it is this:

This woman does not have a Jairus.

She doesn't have a dad to do what Jairus did for little girl.

She doesn't have a dad who says,

"Sweetheart, wait here with your mom, love you,

I'm going to beg Jesus to come and heal my daughter."

*Spoiler Alert

Jesus heals Jairus Daughter

In fact, he does MORE than that.

After he talks to this woman that touches his robe.

Messengers come and tell him that Jairus daughter is DEAD

Don't come Jesus

Waste of Time

She is already gone.

Jesus says she is just sleeping.

They laugh at him.

INCREDIBLY INSENSITIVE AND ARROGANT

Religious people are STILL laughing at the supernatural

But he goes, and not just HEALS her

Raises her BACK to life.

So it all works out for Jairus and his little girl.

Dads/Fathers/Men

Are you doing everything you can in your life

to point your little girls to Jesus?

Being a father is a heavy task

Being a father of a little girl is a HUGE responsibility

I am my Lucy's FATHER

And the ONLY other person she will ever call that is GOD

I am called to be, as her earthly father

A reflection of her heavenly father - that's HEAVY

It is my job to raise her, love her, care for her, react to her

In the way that her loving, caring, heavenly father would

And when I mess that up

It will impact the way she views GOD

I want to do EVERYTHING I can to model that love

And DESPERATELY do all I can to get her to Jesus

That's what Jairus did.

But this woman (PAINTING) didn't have a Jairus

She needs to take care of herself.

She needs to pay her own medical bills.

She needs to go on her own journey toward Jesus.

She needs to risk her own well-being to meet him.

Some of you ladies are like this woman.

You're not like Jairus' daughter.

Some of you ladies are blessed to have have a dad who loves Jesus,
and loves you, and he's always trying to get you and Jesus together.

But MANY of you don't have a dad like that.

Some of you don't have a dad at all.

Some of you ladies, you don't even know your father,

or he doesn't act like he loves you,

he doesn't love Jesus,

and he's not trying to bring you and Jesus together.

That's this woman's story.

And I've met a lot of women with the same story.

It's heartbreaking.

Teenage Girl

Pray for my dad - HOW?WHAT ABOUT? - *"He won't talk to me."*

It's heartbreaking

This dynamic has been a huge factor in mine/Brittany's Ministry

I'm so thankful for MY Father and Father-In-Law who DID THIS

They did EVERYTHING they could to get us to Jesus

I want to be THAT kind of father.

But most aren't.

I have so many incredible women through the years (12-112 yrs old)

That have shared with us some of the most horrific things

Fathers that abandoned, abused, neglected.

Were not kind.

Did NOTHING to model grace or direct them to it.

And it is SO damaging.

I have (at times) become SO ANGRY

As I have watched a few GOOD MEN

FIGHT to clean up the messes of BAD FATHERS

And some of you (men - and especially the women today) know this.

You don't know who your father is,

or you're ashamed of who your father is.

And the question is the same as this woman (painting)

I didn't have anyone to help me get to Jesus,

what hope is there for me?

And Jesus would say to you, as he says to this woman,

"Daughter."

And in that moment,

Jesus takes that fatherly place in her life.

And he wants to take that place in YOUR life as well.

Jesus became that man who gave her identity,
and affection, and security, and protection.

EVERYTHING changes for this woman.

For the FIRST TIME in 12 YEARS!

People can hug her to celebrate.

People can lay a hand on her and pray for her.

She could hold a baby.

She could lay hands on other people and pray for them.

She can attend worship with the crowd.

If she wants, she can get married.

If she's physically able, she can have children and become a mother.

Her whole life is radically, instantly changed by power that is
unleashed in her life through faith in Jesus.

It's amazing that Jesus would heal her and restore her life,
publicly honor her, treat her with dignity by calling her DAUGHTER

That's why this painting is a portrait of salvation for us all.

Does your heart go out to this woman?

Do you IDENTIFY with this woman.

MANY of you have had lives of suffering

hurt by others, abandoned and abused by those

who were supposed to protect, love and serve.

Ladies - DO NOT let another man skew how you view God.

Jesus wants to become that man you go to in time of need,
so that he can lovingly, affectionately care for you.

**Men - DO NOT let your lives be a stumbling block for the women
in your life**

Reach out to Jesus in faith,

Remember - faith is ACTING on the belief that he is who he says

So that YOU can have the power of God unleashed in your life,

and have Jesus call you "**daughter,**"/**son/child**

And allow him to love you as the PERFECT heavenly Father

PRAYER - Transcending Perceptions Series Graphic