



The Lord's Day Morning — March 10, 2024

“Reason for Hope”
Matthew 9:18–26
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1. A place for hope — even in death

2. Hope for the chronically ill

3. Hope for the hopeless

A cure for the isolation caused by sin
A cure for spiritual and physical death
Hope before skeptics, mockers

4. Spreading the message of hope

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR GROUPS:

1. Why do people succumb to despair and hopelessness? Do Christians struggle with hopelessness in much the same way as secular people?

2. Why might the people in our passage feel hopeless? When have you felt hopeless? What kept the people in the story from yielding to despair? What helped you rise from your despair?

3. In the story, both the synagogue ruler and the woman appear to be desperate. Does Jesus mind that desperate people come to him? Or is it what he expects?

4. Remembering both the flaws and the strength of the ruler and the woman in this passage, what does this story tell us about the nature of faith? About the power of faith? What does this story teach you about the life of faith?