



The Ministry of the King in Matthew: The LORD's Love for His Daughters

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Holy Text: Matthew 9:18-26

Thoughts and Lessons:

1. Consider the desperation of the ruler, Jairus. (v18)
 - How hard must it have been for a synagogue leader to come to Jesus? As MacDonald writes, “Most of the Jewish leaders would have feared the scorn and contempt of their associates for doing so. “
 - Not only did this “senior pastor” come to Jesus for His daughter’s sake, Luke says, “and he fell down at Jesus’ feet, and besought him that he would come into his house: For he had one only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she lay a dying. But as he went the people thronged him.” (Luke 8:41b-42)
 - What we see here is a desperate and loving father who just wanted his beloved daughter back. All of a sudden, titles meant nothing, status meant nothing, and embarrassment meant nothing.
 - How desperate are we for Jesus’ help for who’s dead in our lives?
2. Then consider the mercy of Jesus towards him! (v19)
 - Despite His ongoing and rising conflict with the Jewish leaders, Jesus arose and went to help and heal!
 - Our LORD honored the man’s humility and faith, just like I believe He will honor ours.
 - God loves humility; He loves brokenness (Ps 51:17); He loves it when we are willing to abandon worldly gain for Him!
3. Be mindful of divine interruptions. (v20)
 - On His way to help Jairus’ daughter, another woman, “who had suffered from a discharge of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment.” (v 20 ESV)
 - Our LORD’s example is instructive. Instead of pressing towards His goal with no sense of what’s going on around him, he had the wherewithal to realize that he has been touched.
 - *Luke 8:44-46 (ESV) She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, and immediately her discharge of blood ceased. 45 And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds surround you and are pressing in on you!" 46 But Jesus said, "Someone touched me, for I perceive that power has gone out from me."*
4. Consider the determination of the woman with the issue of blood. (v21)
 - Scripture says this poor daughter of Zion “had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse.” (Mark 5:26)
 - Despite the large throng of people around Jesus, she pressed her way, succeeding just enough to touch a piece of his clothing!
 - She believed that if she could get to Jesus, she would be healed, and she was right!

- How determined are you to get to Jesus? Oh let us not let the crowds (the world) stop us! There is healing there! There is power there! A new life is there!
5. He called her “Daughter.” (v22)
- What an underserved and overwhelming title! Daughter of Jesus! Or son of Jesus! Adopted into the family of God despite our sins! (Gal 4:5; Eph 1:5)
 - If you are His, that is who YOU are sister (just like you brothers are sons).
 - We are not random accidents; we are not a collection of atoms fit together through evolutionary processes.
 - We are made in God’s image and are sons and daughters of the King, birthed to love Him, fear Him, and praise Him.
 - *"And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." 2 Corinthians 6:18 (KJV)*
6. Despite the noise and the naysayers, note the LORD’s determination as well. (v22-23)
- Most commentators agree that the people being referred to in these verses weren’t all grieving family and friends. In NT times, there were professional mourners, people who during times of bereavement, made sure the “proper” atmosphere was set.
 - MacArthur writes, “The crowd at a funeral usually included professional mourners, women whose task it was to wail plaintively, while reciting the name of the departed one, as well as any other loved ones who had died recently. The result was a noisy, chaotic din.”
 - You get a sense this might be the case when they suddenly switched from mourning to laughing at Jesus.
 - Our LORD dispensed with such displays and along with the young girls parents, made His way, with Peter, James, and John in tow, to His daughter. (Luke 8:51)
 - Let’s do our best to show others how to love this way. (v25, Luke 8:51)
7. Let us praise Him who has power over death!
- Despite her death, to Jesus she was just asleep, and He prophesied as much!
 - “Talitha cumi, which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise.” (v 25; Mark 5:41)
 - Mark writes, *“And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment. And he charged them straitly that no man should know it; and commanded that something should be given her to eat.” Mark 5:42-43 (KJV)*
 - Jesus has power over death! He is He that lived and was dead and lives forevermore and has the keys of hell and death. (Rev 1:18)
 - He is the Resurrection and the Life; he that believes in him though he were dead yet shall he live! (John 11:25)

Just in case you forgot, the LORD Loves His Daughters!

His Love makes you an Image-bearer!

- *Gen 1:26-27 (KJV) And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.*

His Love makes you a Joint-Heir!

- *1Pe 3:7 (KJV) Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.*

His Love exalts you as a Visible Model of the Church!

- *Eph 5:32 (KJV) This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.*

His Love positions you to make things Beautiful!

- *Psa 144:12 (KJV) That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace:*
- *Psa 144:12 (NLT) May our sons flourish in their youth like well-nurtured plants. May our daughters be like graceful pillars, carved to beautify a palace.*

His Love designed care for You!

- *Eph 5:31 (KJV) For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.*
- *Eph 5:25 (KJV) Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;*
- Holy Scripture unfolds a lifetime of care for God's daughters. When she is born, ideally, she is under the protection of a loving, earthly father. When she marries, again ideally, she then comes under the protection of a loving, self-sacrificing, godly husband. If she is single, extra care is given to her by her father, siblings, pastors, elders, deacons, and brothers!

Precious sisters, our LORD loves you and is standing by to heal you. You are His daughter. You were intricately and purposely crafted in your mother's womb to be a godly woman! Your design is without mistake. And like His sons, you are the apple of his eye.

This week, please consider sharing what you learned today with someone! May the LORD bless your efforts. Amen!