

**Sermon: From Desperation to Deliverance.**  
**Series: Luke the Gospel for Everyone**

**Scripture: Luke 8:40-56.**  
**Date: August 18, 2024**

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**OBSERVATION** -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

**INTERPRETATION** -- Answer these questions together:

**1. What does this passage teach us about us?**

- a) How would you describe the desperation levels of the people in these stories (the Jairus family, the bleeding woman)? When in your life have you felt desperate?
- b) Is your spiritual growth impacted more by your dedication level or your desperation level? Why is our dedication to God useless without our desperation for God?

**2. What does this passage teach us about God?**

- a) Why does God want us to feel our desperation? (Think about the stories in Luke so far. Primarily, Jesus heals or calms the storm when people ask for it, not before. Why does Jesus wait to be asked before he heals the woman and raises Jairus' daughter?)

**3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?**

- a) How do these two healing/resurrection stories preview the cross of Christ? In what way will Jesus become like the young girl and the bleeding woman for us? (For further discussion: think about how the woman was under the law and the young girl under death. How did Jesus deal with both law and death on the cross?)
- b) How did Jesus demonstrate both his desperation and his faith on the cross (think about the words of Christ on the cross)? Why are both desperation and faith necessary before we can experience resurrection life?

**APPLICATION**

- a) Read Ephesians 3:20-21, and 2 Corinthians 12:9. When the woman touched Jesus' garment, power went out from him into her. This same resurrection power is in us today by the Holy Spirit. What does Paul mean when he says that Christ's power is made perfect in weakness? How might God use your weakness (desperation) to demonstrate the power of Christ in you?

**PRAYER**

- Thank God for his ongoing work in your life to bring you lower and lower until you fully trust Christ.
- Confess ways that you have tried to overcome your desperation without faith in Christ.
- Thank Jesus for taking our place under the law and under death when he died on the cross.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you feel your desperation, that you might turn to Christ in repentance.