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Luke 8:40-56

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Introduction

What a week

Blessings and challenges

Keyboard in the Church

Insurance on shed and ride on

International

Covid in so many countries

Wars and roomers of wars – Ukraine and Russia

Floods – Australia

National

Unrest - Wellington

Covid high in NZ

Supply chain issues

Makes us think of Matt 24 - Wars and rumours of wars 24:7
Ez 38 - Gog and Magog

Jesus said

When you see these things

(Freak out because you have lost control and the end is coming.)

Look up your redemption is drawing near.

We must remember

God is in control

We will win in the end – we have read the end of the book.

Jesus is coming again

Last week

Iunisi preached to us

Jesus healed the demon-possessed man.

Jesus has power over the **demons**.

God has power over the **demons**.

Two weeks back

Ross preached to us.

Jesus calmed the storm on the lake.

Job 37

Jesus has power over **nature**

God has power over **nature**

Back beyond that we learned about the farmer scattering the seed the parable of the lamp and the true family of Jesus. We were challenged about things like listening, doing, hearing, and obeying.

Today we learn two more truths about Jesus.

Jesus Raises a Dead Girl

Jesus has power over life and **death**.

God has power over life and **death**.

Jesus Heals a Sick Women

Jesus has power over **sickness**

God has power over **sickness**

From the Bible we learn that

Jesus has power over the **nations**

God has power over the **nations**

Jesus has power over **governments**

God has power over **governments**

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Bible Readings

Luke 8:40-56

Matt 9:18-26

Mark 5:21-43

Matt 9:18-26

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Jesus Heals a Sick Women

A crowd of people were following Jesus and Jairus to his house and they were almost crushing Jesus.

A women in the crowd had been subject to bleeding for 12 years and no one could help her, no one could heal her.

She came up behind Jesus and touched the edge of His cloak and immediately she was healed.

Jesus asks "Who touched me?"

This was not that Jesus was ignorant of the situation.

He wanted the women to reveal to all her actions, and her faith that caused her to touch the hem of His cloak.

Her bleeding had caused her to be ceremonially unclean (Lev 15:25-30)and any one who touched her was also unclean.

The women's faith became public when she fell at Jesus feet.

The women's faith had healed her.

Faith that Jesus could make her ceremonially clean.

Faith that He really is the Messiah.

Jesus tells her to go in peace.

Just as He had said to another women Luke 7:50

Jesus Action

Jesus has power over sickness

God has power over sickness.

Jesus Words

"Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace."

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Jesus Raises a Dead Girl

The fact that a ruler of the synagogue would come to Jesus shows that people were beginning to acknowledge who Jesus is.

Jesus was indeed the Messiah.

A ruler of the synagogue was a Jew and was in charge of synagogue services and was responsible for maintaining and cleaning the building.

He came to Jesus and fell at His feet pleading with Him to come to his house because his daughter was dying.

On the way to Jairus' house Luke briefly breaks off that story to tell us what happened to Jesus while He was coming.

The story returns to Jairus and his daughter.

Jairus was informed, in Jesus' hearing, that his daughter has died and that he should not bother Jesus anymore.

Jesus' response – "Don't be afraid. Just believe and she will be healed."

The faith of Jairus was partly expressed in the fact that he allowed Jesus to come into his house after Jesus had been touched by an unclean woman.

After Jesus raised Jairus' daughter, He told them to give her something to eat. This was to show that she was restored to normal health again and not a long convalescence.

Her parents were astonished = 'beside themselves with amazement'

Jesus Action

Jesus has power over (life and) death.

God has power over death.

Jesus Words

"Don't be afraid, Just Believe.

"I believe in God and I don't fear."

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Jesus words to us today

We can lift Jesus words out of this wonderful chapter and allow them to be an encouragement and a challenge to us today.

Don't be Afraid

Things that bother us.

Internationally – Nationally – Church Life – Family – Personally

“Just believe that when the best things are going wrong, GOD will always be there to make you strong.”

Just have Faith

Remember what faith is.

Remember that our faith is in God alone.

Go in Peace

Remember where our peace is founded.

Remember who our peace is in.

Let's put it simply.

Our hope for spiritual safety during these turbulent times is to turn our hearts and minds to Jesus Christ alone.

I can rest in the fact that GOD IS IN CONTROL

This means I can face things that are out of my control
and not act out of control.

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Jesus actions tell us in Luke 8

God is in Control

Nature

Demons

Sickness

Death

Nations

Acts 17:27

Governments

Romans 13:1-6

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How do we react today?

We must have faith in God.

Do you have faith in God?

Will you put your faith in God?

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What is Faith?

There is a Bible verse that gives a very clear definition of faith.

Hebrews 11.1

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. NIV

Faith shows the reality of what we hope for,
it is the evidence of things we cannot see. NLT

The word faith comes 32 x in the book of Hebrews.

"Faith is that which God uses to transport His promises of the future into the present time."

"Don't be afraid, just have faith in God."

Accept what is.

Let Go of what was.

Have Faith in what God will do.

A) Faith is the realisation of the things hoped for.

Faith is the means God uses to transport His promises of the future into the present time. Into our thinking, into our hearts.

Faith is supernatural, it's a gift from God

Is a reliance on the one who made the promise.

Is not an uncertain hope of things that might happen.

Is what God has promised will happen.

The big problem is that most people are willing to try anything but faith. Anything but faith in God. We often try to work things out ourselves.

Faith is like a sixth sense.

Dr David Jeremiah used this illustration.

We have our five senses.

Sight, Hearing, taste, smell, feeling.

These are used to bring into our experience something of the unknown world around us.

The first four particularly bring the unknown to us very clearly.

Sight = light

Hearing = sound

Taste = flavours

Smell = fragrance

Feel = touch

Faith brings the unseen world of God into our experience.

B) The evidence of things not seen
We cannot see.

1 Peter 1:8-9

⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Through God's gift the instrument of faith we know God.

The Father	the love of the Father for you and me
Jesus the Son	the work of the Son on the cross
The Holy Spirit	the indwelling of the Spirit at conversion

Faith is not a passive word

Faith is an active word.

Faith is not just something we have, it's something that happens.

It's action.

"Never have faith in anyone completely but God alone.

Love people but put your full faith only in God.

The old children's song.

Faith Is Just Believing What God
Says He Will Do;
He Will Never Fail Us;
His Promises Are True.
If We But Receive Him,
His Children We Become;
Faith Is Just Believing This
Wondrous Thing Is Done

"When life pushes you to the edge of endurance,

Trust in God fully because only one of two things will happen.

Either He will catch you when you fall or

He will teach you how to fly."

Take Home Lessons

God is in control

Covid

Vaccines and Passes

Russia – Ukraine - Pray for them

We win in the end

Jesus is coming back again

We Must have faith

Don't be afraid - just believe

Lord God give me faith.

I believe help my unbelief

Closing Prayer

The Benediction

Go in Peace

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Peace over panic

Faith over fear

Wisdom over worry