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***OUR GREATEST OBSTACLE***

Luke 8:40-56

- I. A request from a desperate father. (40-42)
  - A. Jairus – a ruler of the synagogue.
  - B. One among many.
  - C. His daughter was dying.
- II. A touch from a desperate woman. (42-48)
  - A. The woman: bleeding for 12 years.
    1. Made her ceremonially unclean.
    2. Out of faith – she reached out and touched Jesus.
    3. She was immediately healed.
  - B. Jesus interacts with the woman
    1. “Who touched me?”
    2. “Your faith has healed you.”
- III. The focus returns to Jairus: (49-56)
  - A. His daughter died.
  - B. Jesus’ reply:
    1. “Don’t be afraid”
    2. “Just believe”
    3. “She will be healed”
  - C. The miraculous visit in Jairus’ home.
    1. Crowd was told to stop grieving.
    2. Jesus gave life back to the dead girl.
    3. The parents were astonished.
- IV. The Point:

“My mother and brothers are those who hear God’s word and put it into practice.” (Luke 8:21)

  - A. The winds and waves obey (22-25)
  - B. The demons obey (26-39)
  - C. Sickness obeys (42-48)
  - D. Death obeys (40-42; 49-56)

Romans 8:38-39

***The only thing that stands between you and God ... is you!***

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Call to Worship      *Selections from Romans 8 & Psalm 91*

P: If God is for us, who can be against us?

**C: Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen?**

P: It is God who justifies.

**C: Who is he that condemns?**

P: Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

**C: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?**

P: For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**C: I will say of the LORD, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.” (Psalm 91:2)**

\*Hymn No. 26      *A Mighty Fortress*

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe—  
His craft and pow’r are great, and, armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide our striving would be losing,  
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God’s own

choosing.

Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He—  
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same—  
and He must win the battle.

And tho this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph thru us.  
The prince of darkness grim— we tremble not for Him;  
His rage we can endure; for lo! his doom is sure—  
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours thru Him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
The body they may kill; God’s truth abideth still—  
His kingdom is forever.

\*Invocation

Scripture Responsive      Luke 8:40-56

<sup>40</sup> Now when Jesus returned, a crowd welcomed him, for they were all expecting him. <sup>41</sup> Then a man named Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, came and fell at Jesus’ feet, pleading with him to come to his house <sup>42</sup> because his only daughter, a girl of about twelve, was dying.

As Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him. <sup>43</sup> And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years,<sup>a</sup> but no one could heal her. <sup>44</sup> She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped.

<sup>45</sup> “Who touched me?” Jesus asked.

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

<sup>46</sup> But Jesus said, “Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me.”

<sup>47</sup> Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed.

<sup>48</sup> Then he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace.”

<sup>49</sup> While Jesus was still speaking, someone came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue ruler. “Your daughter is dead,” he said. “Don’t bother the teacher any more.”

<sup>50</sup> Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, “Don’t be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed.”

<sup>51</sup> When he arrived at the house of Jairus, he did not let anyone go in with him except Peter, John and James, and the child’s father and mother. <sup>52</sup> Meanwhile, all the people were wailing and mourning for her. “Stop wailing,” Jesus said. “She is not dead but asleep.”

<sup>53</sup> They laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. <sup>54</sup> But he took her by the hand and said, “My child, get up!” <sup>55</sup> Her spirit returned, and at once she stood up. Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat. <sup>56</sup> Her parents were astonished, but he ordered them not to tell anyone what had happened.

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\*Hymn No. 416     *Come, Ye Disconsolate*

Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish

Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel;

Here bring your wounded hearts; here tell your anguish:

Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot heal.

Joy of the desolate, Light of the straying, Hope of the penitent,  
fadeless and pure! Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying,

“Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot cure!”

Here see the Bread of Life, see the waters flowing  
forth from the throne of God, pure from above;  
come to the feast of love. Come ever knowing

earth has no sorrow but heaven can remove.

The Offering of Thanks and Praise

Offertory

Sermon Continued

Focus Returns to Jairus

Morning Prayer

Hymn No. 425

*The Lord's Prayer*

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth,

as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts,

as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

for e---ver.     Amen.

Sermon Concluded

The Point

Song or Response

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction No. 420     *Only Believe*

Only believe, only believe; All things are possible, only believe.

Only believe, only believe, All things are possible, only believe.

\*Postlude

<sup>a</sup> Many manuscripts *years, and she had spent all she had on doctors*

<sup>1</sup> The Holy Bible : New International Version. electronic ed. Grand Rapids : Zondervan, 1996, c1984, S. Ro 8:31-39