

Little Faith, Big God (Luke 8:40-56)

There is an important truth embedded in this story of two healings. Obviously, we see the power of Jesus Christ to heal the sick and raise the dead. That's a very important truth. We see His mercy and His tenderness, too. That's also very important. But there's something else, something so helpful to our hearts, in the comparison and the contrast between Jairus and the woman with the bloody discharge.

Jairus, we see, is a ruler of the synagogue. He is a man with power. He is educated, credible, a man of authority and probably of wealth. The woman, for all intents and purposes, is his exact opposite. She is a woman, first of all; but also, because of her condition, she is considered unclean. She's an untouchable. She is also poor and a person of little regard socially.

If Jesus had come to play the religious game or the political game or the worldly game, He would have ignored the woman. She does not even have the courtesy (the courage?) to approach Him directly. She knows a man of His stature would likely not stoop to consider a woman of hers. So, in effect, she tries to "steal" the blessing (Luke 8:44). Jairus, on the other hand, approaches Jesus directly. He is humbly imploring, of course, but he fully expects that Jesus can and will heal his daughter.

Jairus believes Jesus can heal his daughter, and in a way, he believes Jesus will. The woman, however, believes Jesus can heal her, but in a way, believes He wouldn't if she asked. And yet, Jesus provides the healing they both desire.

Here is the important truth to consider: It is not just that Jesus' salvation is available to both high and low, rich and poor, powerful and weak. Jesus' salvation is equally available to both big faith and little faith. Jairus exercised a bold faith, the woman a timid faith. And yet both got the fullness of healing needed. We learn from this something crucial for the Christian life: it is not a strong faith that saves us, but a strong Christ. One doesn't need to be a spiritual behemoth to receive Christ's blessings, just the meekness to say, "I need you. Heal me!"

Even a mustard seed of faith—if it is true faith—receives all the eternal riches of the glory of the omnipotent Christ. You need never fear your "littleness". God's grace is enough.

By Jared C. Wilson (from the ESV Men's Devotional Bible)



13 January 2019 | Service Times: 9am & 11am

Welcome, we're glad you're here!

We are a church family committed to following Jesus Christ as Lord. We do this by getting to know him through his living Word, the Bible, which is why the sermon is the key part of our Sunday services. Find out more about us at www.slechurch.org.au.

This Week: Encounters with Jesus—The Disciples' First Encounter

Next Week: Encounters with Jesus



Today's Service

Welcome and Singing	Oh How Good It is Surrender All Come People Of The Risen King
Holy Communion	
Offering	
Community News	
Bible Reading	John 1:35-51
Sermon	By Mark Baddeley
Song of Response	For The Cause

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Check out slechurch.org.au/groups to find a group that you can join.

Say hello

Join us for morning tea at 10:30am.
We'd love to have a chat and get to know you better.

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Financial Update

Last Week	\$4,138.23
Weekly Required	\$5,880.00
Shortfall 2019	\$1,742.00

Giving by Electronic Funds Transfer

A/C Name: SLE Church
Bank: National Australia Bank
BSB: 084-424
A/C No: 396558544

SLE Church is a branch church of Chinese Christian Church Brisbane

Prayer Points

PRAISE GOD FOR NEW MERCIES each new year and each new morning. Praise God that as the sun rises each day we are given fresh mercy and grace to repent of sin and live to the glory of God.

PRAY FOR EACH OTHER AS WE

RESTART our working lives after this period of rest. Pray for the workers among us—to return to work with vigor and renewed enthusiasm to work well and for God's glory. Pray that we would continue to understand how we might love God and serve others in and through our workplaces.

PRAY FOR OUR FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

as they restart for the year. Pray that we would be renewed in our desire to grow and encourage each other as we meet regularly. Pray that we would lovingly encourage those who aren't as regular. Pray for new groups that are starting—like SOS West starting soon.

PRAISE GOD FOR BABY WEE! Praise God for the safe delivery for Ethel and Li Wei Wee of their new baby girl. Pray for good rest for Ethel, and that Li Wei will also be sustained to serve his new family. Pray that Baby Elise Si Hui Wee will be raised by loving, godly parents, and that God would be at work in her to draw her into right relationship with Himself.

Community News

IGNITE TRAINING CONFERENCE NIGHT TALKS 14-17 JAN 7:30PM @ BRISBANE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Workers and others are warmly invited to join the evening talks at Ignite Training Conference. Night visitors are encouraged to turn up early to ensure seating (and to check out the bookstall!)

Night talks are from Monday 14 Jan to Thursday 17 Jan, located at the BST Campus at 1 Cross Street, Toowong.

Ample parking can be found on Wool Street, on the Anzac Park side. Please do not park along Cross Street.

Serving

	Today	Next Week
Chair	Josh	Mervin
Preach	Mark Baddeley	Wes Redgen
Bible Read	Jansen <i>Dan Lowe</i>	Andrew <i>Dan Lowe</i>
M.Tea	Georgie May	Karilyn Stephanie
Wash Up	SOS Randy	SOS West
Welcome	Dan Philip Mee Lan	Dan Philip Mee Lan
Stewards	<i>Stanley</i> <i>Aaron</i> <i>DT</i>	<i>Stanley</i> <i>Aaron</i> <i>DT</i>
Piano	Dan Lowe	Sylvia
Guitar	Ivan	Aidan
Bass		
Drums		
Vocal	Liesl	Kat
PA	William, Matt <i>Matt</i>	Reuten, Matt <i>Chris</i>

The Disciples' First Encounter [John 1:35-51]

Preacher: Mark Baddeley

Passage: John 1: 35-51

Notes:

I never knew:

I was reminded:

I still want to know:

Something I should change:

A Biblical truth I could share:

With (names):

A key verse:

My prayer response (repentance / thanks / praise):