

Sermon Series Title: "EM Vision"

Sermon Series Summary: To start off 2023, we are going to look at our vision and remember the foundation and goal for everything we do.

Call: 2 Samuel 2:1-2

Text: Luke 8:40-56

Title: "EM Vision, Part One"

Next Week's Call: 2 Samuel 2:3

Next Week's Text: Romans 1:16-17

Next Week's Title: "EM Vision, Part Two"

Future Calls: 2 Samuel 2:4, 7, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23-25, 26-27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 36, 40-43, 47, 50-51

Future Titles: "The Start of Paul's Ministry" (Acts 9:19b-31); "The Healing through Peter" (Acts 9:32-43); "Cornelius' Prayer" (Acts 10:1-8, 30-33); "Peter's Vision" (Acts 10:9-29); "Cornelius' Salvation" (Acts 10:34-48); "Peter's Report" (Acts 11:1-18); "The First Gentile Church" (Acts 11:19-30); "The First Apostolic Martyr" (Acts 12:1-5); "Peter's Rescue" (Acts 12:6-19); "Herod's Death" (Acts 12:20-25)

Fallen Condition Focus: We are hurting and dead in our sin, and we need to be healed.

Christ redeeming FCF: Christ is our healer through the cross.

Proposition: "We have a great need in our sin. We have a great answer in our Savior."

Summary: In our passage, we see two stories of miraculous healings of Jesus. But they are intertwined in different ways to show us the depth, the beauty, and the wisdom of the love of God. This shows us that Christ's love and healing cross age, social, religious, and gender lines, ultimately fulfilled in the cross. The question is are we humble enough to go to Him and to receive Him as our Savior and Lord?

Reflective Questions:

1. How can we relate to the characters in this story?
2. What does this story show us about the healing of Christ? The providence of God?

I. Introduction

- A. Hook- EM Vision
- B. Transition- Lukan sandwich; context- calming a storm, casting out a legion of demons from a naked, possessed, mighty man; displaying great power; in our passage- great providence and compassion
- C. Proposition
- D. Points

II. The Hurting (vv. 40-43)

- A. Jairus, ruler of the synagogue
 - 1. Director of worship, wealthy, successful, respected
 - 2. Probably did not respect Jesus initially
 - 3. Falls at Jesus' feet
 - 1. He has tried everything, and it has left him desperate.
 - 2. Only daughter- 12 years of age- dying
 - 3. Posture of helplessness... and only cling to the hope in Christ (like the bleeding woman in v. 47)
- B. Bleeding woman
 - 1. Discharge of blood for 12 years (same age as the daughter)
 - 2. Spent all her living on physicians for healing
 - 1. Don't we try to find a cure and spend our time/life/energy/money?
 - 2. 12 ways to heal bleeding in the Talmud (ancient text sayings, ideas, stories)
 - 3. The discharge has not killed her, but it left her unclean.
 - 1. No community, no marriage, outcast socially
- C. Gospel reaches everyone- rich/poor, successful/poor, respected/outcast, sick/dying, young/old
 - 1. Sin's curse includes both the physical and social.

III. The Healing (vv. 44-56)

- A. The woman comes up, touches the fringe of the garment, and is healed.
 - 1. She would have touched other people to touch Jesus.
 - 2. She touched the teacher Himself, making Him unclean.
 - 3. That's why she wanted to touch him anonymously.
- B. Jesus asks who has touched him.
 - 1. Everyone is touching Jesus, but Jesus knows who it is. Why does he bring her to attention? For the crowd and for her.

2. The crowd can see this healing for the bleeding woman, she can be restored to society, and she can be affirmed in her faith and relationship with God (Daughter- only time in the Gospels).
- C. Jairus' daughter dies.
1. This is a nightmare come true. The crowd prevented Jesus from going faster, and this bleeding woman took so much time out of Jesus' journey.
 1. "Do not trouble..." makes it seem like he was at Jesus' side, rushing him to go to his daughter.
 2. Why does God make us wait? Jesus could have healed her from afar. But it was part of Jesus' will to make them wait.
 3. God makes us wait at times for His glory and our restoration.
 2. Jesus encourages Jairus to not fear but believe.
 3. She was so dead that the mourners were there. They laugh at Jesus when He says that she is only sleeping- dead but will reunite soul and body again.
 4. Jesus raises her from the dead by taking her hand (touching the unclean), calling her child (like bleeding woman), and calling her to rise.
 5. Jesus tells them to tell no one of what has happened.

IV. The Healer

- A. Jesus is our healer as well. He has come to heal us from the greatest problem of sin. There is language here that refers to salvation.
1. We've been hurting, unclean, bleeding, and dead from our sin.
 2. Jesus is the One who heals us by touching us.
 1. He heals the bleeding of the woman, because He bled.
 2. He heals her being outcast by being the ultimate outcast.
 3. He makes her a daughter by being an orphan on the cross.
 4. He becomes unclean of both by bearing the uncleanness on the cross for both woman and daughter.
 5. He raises the one who died, because He took on death itself.
 3. Jesus heals us from our sin, by taking it on the cross. He breaks sin's curse and saves us.