

Great Expectations

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¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, behold, a ruler came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” ¹⁹ And Jesus rose and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰ And behold, a woman who had suffered from a discharge of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment,

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²¹ for she said to herself, “If I only touch his garment, I will be made well.” ²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. ²³ And when Jesus came to the ruler’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion,

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²⁴ he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. ²⁶ And the report of this went through all that district.

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²⁷ And as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." ²⁸ When he entered the house, the blind men came to him, and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord."

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²⁹ Then he touched their eyes, saying,
“According to your faith be it done to you.” ³⁰
And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly
warned them, “See that no one knows about it.”
³¹ But they went away and spread his fame
through all that district.

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- ▶ My daughter has just died, **but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.**" (Mat 5:18)
- ▶ If I only touch his garment, **I will be made well.**" (21)
- ▶ two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." (27)

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- ▶ Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; **your faith has made you well.**” And instantly the woman was made well. (22)
- ▶ ...and Jesus said to them, “**Do you believe that I am able to do this?**” They said to him, “Yes, Lord.” ²⁹ Then he touched their eyes, saying, “**According to your faith** be it done to you.”

According to your faith

And to the centurion Jesus said, “Go; let it be done for you as you have believed.” (Mt 8:13)

But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. (James 1:6)

According to your faith

- ▶ Jesus is the one who heals. Our faith is essential in receiving this gift.
- ▶ Faith: to believe to the extent of complete trust or reliance.
- ▶ Don't just seek God's hands, seek His face.

Our Healing King is Here

Confidence vs. Control

We don't control God's hand,
but we have confidence that He is able!

Faith and Hope

We are called to faith in what God can do now.
We are called to hope in what God will do in the future.

More than a Healing Story

A story of salvation

Your faith “**has made you well.**” (22)

Sodzo – to rescue, to save, to heal

A story of resurrection

Like Lazarus, the raising of Jairus’ daughter points to the hope of resurrection.

John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”