



A Woman and a Girl Luke 8:40-56

Something to Start Us Off

- Do you know anyone who has lost a child other than in a miscarriage? What affect did that have on the parents?

Something to Notice

- What does the passage tell us about Jairus? How about his daughter?
- What do we know about the woman? What does she do in order to be healed?

Something to Understand

Leviticus 15 explains that ceremonial uncleanness would have been attached to the woman's condition. This would have limited her social and religious activity as anyone who touched her or any furniture she sat on would have also become ceremonial unclean by association. That person would then have to "wash his clothes, bathe in water, and be unclean until evening" (Lev 15:27).

- Given Jairus's position in the community, what challenges would he have faced in asking Jesus for help with his daughter?
- How about the woman? In what ways does her specific infirmity help explain her attitude and her actions in this setting?
- Why do you think Jesus makes her publicly admit what has happened?
- What reasons do you think Jesus had for only taking a few disciples into Jairus's house with him and leaving the entire gathered crowd outside the door?

Something to Take Home

- Describe at least one lesson on *faith* that we learn from this passage?
- Is there anything else from this look at Luke 8:40-56 that you especially want to remember for future reference? Can you explain why?