

WOMEN OF THE NEW TESTAMENT JAIRUS' WIFE AND DAUGHTER

Pray and ask God to help you to know Him better as you study His Word.

Read the Bible passage (preferably without using commentaries).

Begin to answer the questions using your own words.

Questions are based on the New International Version (NIV) 2011 edition.

LESSON 5

1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of the **2 Widows: Anna and The Widow of Nain** was helpful to you?

SECTION I: Read Luke 8:40-42, 49

2. Who is Jairus, and what is the scene he is walking into in **V40-41a**?
3. a) Why and how did Jairus approach Jesus? (**V41b-42**)
b) What were the physical risks to Jairus given what was happening around Jesus?
c) What might have been the religious risks for Jairus (since he was a synagogue leader)?
4. Though not mentioned yet, what do you think Jairus' wife might have been feeling and doing at this point?
5. a) Given that Jairus fell at Jesus' feet, describe the possible spiritual journey that brought him (and his wife) to this point.

5. b) Share a part of your own spiritual journey (past or present) that brought you to a desperate place like Jairus.
6. How might the interruption by the bleeding woman have affected Jairus in **V43-48**?
7. Meanwhile, what devastating message did Jairus receive in **V49**?
8. Share a prayer request about a seemingly hopeless situation that tempts you to give up or say “why bother”?

SECTION II: Read Luke 8:50-56

9. What does Jesus say in **V50**?
10. After what Jairus had witnessed, how do you think Jesus' words affected him?
11. Write a truth that you learn from these verses that will aid you in stepping from fear to faith.
12.
 - a) What contrast do you notice between those Jesus allowed into the house (**V51**) and “all the people” outside (**V52-53**)?
 - b) Use creative license: how might Jairus' faith have affected his wife?

13. What happened next to Jairus' daughter in **V54-56**?

14. Briefly write your experience of Jesus taking your lifeless hand and saying, "My child, _____ (your name), get up!"

15. a) In **V50**, Jesus said, "Don't be afraid; just believe." What impact did His words have on Jairus and others?

b) In **V54**, Jesus said, "My child, get up!" What impact did His words have on Jairus' daughter?

16. Jesus' words had such impact amid a "bad and ugly" family situation. In what ways have Jesus' words impacted you?

17. Form a prayer from any part of this lesson.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. We know God hears and responds to the pleas of parents as He did with Jairus. For what were these parents pleading, and how did He respond?

Genesis 17:18-21 _____

Judges 13:2-14 _____

1 Samuel 1:10-20 _____

2 Samuel 12:13-25 _____

Mark 9:14-29 _____

2. Whether you are an actual parent or not, what does Paul's example in **1 Thessalonians 2:7b-8** and **11-12** teach you about the high calling of being a "spiritual parent"?

3. Suggested Memory Verse: **Mark 5:36b**

