

Episode 5: Clean, Part 2

Jesus is back and ready to do some healing! He is approached by Jairus to heal his twelve-year-old daughter, but gets stopped on the way by the strong-believing woman who is healed of her bleeding of twelve years. Did you notice how the number 12 is in both of these healing stories?

Jairus let's Yussif know that his daughter is not doing well at all, she is dying and the doctors can't help her. He wants to see if Jesus can heal her and Yussif helps him find Jesus. Meanwhile Nathaniel and Thaddeaus stumble across the woman who has been bleeding for twelve years. She wants to find Jesus because she believes he can heal her. They offer to help her get to Jesus. Both of these people have strong faith in who Jesus is and what he can do.

Jesus comes back from a fast that he was doing and enjoys Eden's bread and food. Read below and underline what the disciples ask Jesus.

- **Matthew 9:14-15 (ESV)** – ¹⁴ Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" ¹⁵ And Jesus said to them, "Can the wedding guests mourn as the bridegroom is with them? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast."

In the show Jesus asked the disciples what the point of fasting is. The point was that they would pray that the Messiah would come. Jesus explains that since he is here, they do not need to fast, but there will come a time when he will not be with them and they should fast.

Fasting isn't a very popular practice in this day and age. For whatever reason a lot of people don't fast, but this is something that we are called to do. Fasting is giving up something, usually food, and focusing on prayer. You are abstaining from something you desire and focusing your heart on God. Typically fasting is from sunup to sundown and many people give up different things during their fast, some social media, food, drinks, etc. Have you ever fasted? If not, will you consider fasting?

Jesus continues talking about the kingdom of God in the following verses. Read the passage below.

- **Matthew 9:16-17 (ESV)** – ¹⁶ No one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch tears away from the garment, and a worse tear is made. ¹⁷ Neither is new wine put into old wineskins, if it is, the skins burst and the wine is spilled and the skins are destroyed. But new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved."

Jesus explains all of this about the old and the new to explain that now that the Messiah is here, the old Jewish laws will not fit. He will not fit in the old framework; he is here to present a new framework for the people separate from the old Jewish laws. How does this make you feel? Reflect on this below.

Jairus and Yussif enter the house and interrupt Jesus. Jairus explains that his daughter is dying and he believes Jesus can heal her. Circle what Jairus asks of Jesus in the passage below.

- **Luke 8:40-42 (ESV)** – ⁴⁰ Now when Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him, ⁴¹ And there came a man names Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue. And falling at Jesus' feet, he implored him to come to his house, ⁴² for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As Jesus went the people pressed around him.

As Jesus left to go to Jairus' home, verse 42 says "the people pressed around him." The people were so excited to see Jesus and created a huge crowd around him. Circle from the verse below what the woman who was bleeding touched on Jesus.

- **Luke 8:44 (ESV)** – She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment and immediately her discharge of blood ceased.

Her faith was so strong that she knew if she could only touch the fringe of his garment, she would be healed. She was considered unclean for 12 years and was not permitted to touch anyone. So, she didn't want to touch Jesus' skin, she knew if she could only touch the absolute bottom of his garment, she would be healed. Her faith is so strong that she knew just the slightest touch would heal her. Do you feel like you have faith this strong?

- **Luke 8:44-47 (ESV)** - ⁴⁵ And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds surround you and are pressing in on you!" ⁴⁶ But Jesus said, "Someone touched me, for I perceive that power has gone out of me." ⁴⁷ And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed.

Circle what Jesus calls the woman in the passage below.

- **Luke 8:48 (ESV)** – And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace."

In the show Jesus not only said this to her, but he touched her face. He wanted to touch her. She has gone 12 years with no one wanting to be near her, let alone touch her. Can you imagine 12 years of no hugs, no kisses? And now the Messiah has healed you and touched you. He also calls her daughter. Her own father and mother have rejected her and now the Son of God is calling her daughter. He calls you that too. We are the sons and daughters of God. How do you think this made the woman feel? How does this make you feel? Does this give you a different perspective on your relationship with God?

They finally get to Jairus' house, but what are they told? Circle what they are told from the passage below.

- **Luke 8:49 (ESV)** – *While he was still speaking, someone from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher anymore,"*

Underline Jesus' response in the below passages.

- **Luke 8:50-52 (ESV)** – *⁵⁰ But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear, only believe, and she will be well." ⁵¹ And when he came to the house, he allowed no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. ⁵² And all were weeping and mourning for her, but he said, "Do not weep, for she is not dead but sleeping."*

Jesus says, "Do not fear". He also says, "only believe". How many times do we allow our fear to diminish our belief? Fear is not of God; it is of the devil. The devil wants us to fear and doubt so we don't believe in the power of God. Jesus knew that Jairus had strong belief and even though his daughter had died, he only needed to believe and Jesus would come through. Is there any fear that you are allowing to diminish your belief in Jesus? Reflect below and pray that God will give help you not to fear and doubt.

Underline below what Jesus said that brought life back to her.

- *⁵³ And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. ⁵⁴ But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child arise." ⁵⁵ And her spirit returned, and she got up at once. And he directed that something should be given to her to eat. ⁵⁶ And her parents were amazed, but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.*

I loved how the episode ended with such fun and joy as the disciples are swimming and playing in the water. The woman who was bleeding went down to the fresh water to perform her cleansing ritual, and Jesus and the disciples see her there. Since they came into contact with her, they are required to perform the ritual too, but I think they are just having fun! I imagine with a group of guys, Jesus had fun with them and had moments like this of joy and playing around.

Simon quotes Jeremiah when talking with Gaius. Jeremiah 2:13 (ESV) – for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.
