

LIP-SERVICE TO LORDSHIP

Luke 8:40-56

- Real faith recognizes that we are powerless to deal with our own brokenness.
Luke 8:40-43
- Real faith reaches out to Jesus to reverse our impurity.
Luke 8:44-48
- Real faith perseveres in trusting Jesus to reverse the power of death.
Luke 8:49-56



FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Consider Luke 8:24 and Isaiah 29:13. In our lives, how are we often like the disciples? How does Jesus correct their viewpoint throughout chapter 8?
2. Read Luke 8:40-43. What do these two people have in common? Where in your life are you being called to stop pretending you're strong and instead acknowledge your powerlessness before Jesus?
3. Read Leviticus 15:19-30 and Luke 8:44-48. How is Jesus' reversal of this woman's impurity instructive to us? How does Jesus do this for us? (see 1 John 1:7-2:2, Titus 2:4-7, Romans 4:5, 5:6-8, 1 Pet 2:24)
4. Consider Jesus' response to the woman in Luke 8:48. Why was it important for Jesus to talk to the woman after she had been cured? What's the significance of each phrase in Luke 8:48.
5. In what ways are we tempted to "peel off our own dragon skin"? Where do you see yourself trying to fix your brokenness apart from Christ?
6. Read Luke 8:50. When have you had to persevere in trusting Jesus through delay, like Jairus did? What did you learn about Him through the waiting? What does Jesus words teach us about faith?
7. Have you ever had a moment of realizing your lip-service faith wasn't real surrender? What changed?

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