

The Compassion of Jesus

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Matthew 9:18-26

"18While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, "My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live." 19Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples. 20Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. 21She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed.22Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed at that moment. 23When Jesus entered the synagogue leader's house and saw the noisy crowd and people playing pipes, 24he said, "Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him. 25After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. 26News of this spread through all that region."

Interruptions

Behold

The Ruler

The Woman

Faith

The Death of Death

"That compassion provides us with an important object lesson. As we see the needs of people all around us, we must allow our hearts to feel deeply with them. But we cannot stop there. We must get close enough to them to see how we can bring the healing touch of the gospel of the kingdom to their deepest needs. For Jesus, the message of the kingdom's saving power was primarily a ministry of spiritual healing."

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