

*Luke 8:40-42*

*40 Now when Jesus returned, a crowd welcomed him, for they were all expecting him. 41 Then a man named Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, came and fell at Jesus' feet, pleading with him to come to his house 42 because his only daughter, a girl of about twelve, was dying.*

pleading = parakaleó = to beg, to earnestly summon

Where do you turn in your deepest valleys and darkest days?

– Jairus turned to the One who had the power & resources to help him.

*Luke 8:42-44*

*42... As Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him. 43 And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her. 44 She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped.*

From the surge of hope that Jesus is on his way...

To the frustration of the crowds slowing him down...

To Jesus stopping and having a conversation with this woman who was healed...

"You humbled yourself and prayed. You had faith that your hopeless situation was changing. You could see a flicker of light at the end of the longest, darkest tunnel you've ever been in—the sign of a longed-for answer to prayer. But then events suddenly took a different turn. Now, as you look ahead, you're not able to see the light, the glimmer of hope. It feels like you're back at square one." – Tommy MacNeil

*Luke 8:49*

*While Jesus was still speaking, someone came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue ruler. "Your daughter is dead," he said. "Don't bother the teacher anymore."*

From illness to death...from clarity to confusion.

*Luke 8:50*

*Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed."*

Other translations = "Don't be afraid; just trust me, everything will be alright."

"God is to be trusted when His providences seem to run contrary to His promises."

– Thomas Watson

Right in the middle of this confusing in-between, in the midst of the lingering...

We follow Jairus' lead and stay close to Jesus, keep our eyes locked on him.

Then...

TRUST HIM that he'll do what he said he would do.

TRUST HIM that he is on the way.

TRUST HIM to get the last word...and make a way when there seems to be no way.



Luke 8:52-55

52 Meanwhile, all the people were wailing and mourning for her. "Stop wailing," Jesus said. "She is not dead but asleep." 53 They laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. 54 But he took her by the hand and said, "My child, get up!" 55 Her spirit returned, and at once she stood up.

**When Jesus shows up, things change.**

Light pushes back darkness.

Hope crowds out despair.

Faith grows larger than fear.

Rejoicing becomes the soundtrack instead of mourning.

Arise and awake!

"Don't be afraid; just trust me, everything will be alright." - Jesus

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