

SERIES: LUKE: THE SON OF MAN, THE SAVIOR
HAS COME, WEEK 63

TITLE: DESPERATION!

TEXT: LUKE 8:40-48

INTRODUCTION: (1) OUR ENGLISH WORD
DESPERATION IS FILLED, SATURATED,
PREGNANT WITH VIVID MEANING.

* SYNONYMS FOR THIS WORD ARE HOPELESS,
DESPAIR, DESPONDENCY, DEPRESSION,
DISCOMFORT, DEJECTION, PANIC, AGONY AND
URGENCY.

** A DESPERATE PERSON IS SOMETIMES
RECKLESS OR EVEN DANGEROUS, THEY ARE IN
URGENT NEED, THEY HAVE LITTLE HOPE, THEY
ARE IN DESPAIR AND IN A LAST RESORT MODE.

*** THUS SOMETIMES WE HEAR THE PHRASE,
DESPERATE TIMES CALL FOR DESPERATE
MEASURES.

**** OR DESPERATION CAN MAKE A PERSON DO SURPRISING THINGS.

(2) OR DESPERATION CAN BE A JUSTIFICATION FOR ALL KINDS OF BEHAVIOR.

* AND EVEN THIS PHRASE, I GOT TO THAT DESPERATE PLACE WHERE NOBODY COULD HELP ME BUT GOD.

** WELL, THE TWO PEOPLE IN OUR TEXT TODAY GOT TO THAT PLACE.

*** THEY WERE SO DESPERATE FROM THEIR CIRCUMSTANCES THAT THEY TURNED TO GOD INCARNATE, THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

**** AND DESPERATION IS GOOD WHEN IT DRIVES YOU TO CHRIST.

(3) IN FACT, FOR ALL OF US WHO TRULY KNOW JESUS CHRIST AS OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, WE CAME TO THE PLACE OF DESPERATION BECAUSE OF OUR DEPRAVITY. WE WERE DESPERATE FOR **GOD'S GRACE BEFORE WE WERE SAVED, DRIVEN** TO CHRIST.

* BUT EVEN AFTER WE CAME TO JESUS CHRIST, BECAUSE OF DEPRAVITY, WE REMAIN **DESPERATE FOR GOD'S GRACE EVERYDAY OF** OUR LIVES.

** AND THAT KIND OF DESPERATION IS GOOD, A HOLY DESPERATION, A HOLY DEPENDENCE.

*** WELL, GOING BACK TO THE TWO PEOPLE IN OUR TEXT TODAY, THEY ARE INCREDIBLY DESPERATE. AND IN THEIR DESPERATION THEY GO TO THE RIGHT PERSON, THE LORD JESUS.

**** AND THESE TWO PEOPLE ARE AT OPPOSITE ENDS OF THE SOCIAL SPECTRUM, BUT BOTH WERE BEYOND HUMAN HELP, THEY BOTH WERE IN DESPERATE NEED FOR A CURE.

(4) ONE WAS A DESPERATE WOMAN AND THE OTHER IS A DESPERATE MAN.

* AND THEY BOTH HAD NO HOPE WITHOUT DIVINE INTERVENTION. BOTH WERE BROUGHT TO THEIR KNEES.

** BOTH WERE DESPERATE ENOUGH TO DO SOMETHING RADICAL, UNCONVENTIONAL.

*** THE WOMAN, A SOCIAL OUTCAST FOR 12 YEARS WITH A DESPERATE NEED TO BE HEALED, **THE OTHER A DESPERATE FATHER WHO'S ONLY DAUGHTER, A 12 YEAR OLD, WAS DYING.**

**** AND DESPERATE TIMES LEAD TO DESPERATE MEASURES IN THEIR LIVES. **THUS I'VE TITLED OUR STUDY TODAY, DESPERATION,** EXCLAMATION POINT.

(5) AND UNDER THAT TITLE, WE'LL LOOK AT 5 MAIN POINTS.

* NO. 1 THE PEOPLE IN CAPERNAUM THAT JESUS RETURNS TO, V. 40; NO. 2 THE PLEA OF THE FATHER, VV. 41&42A; NO. 3 THE PRESS OF THE CROWD, WHICH ENABLES A WOMAN WITH CEREMONIAL UNCLEANNESS TO TOUCH JESUS, VV. 42B-45; NO. 4 THE POWER OF JESUS TO HEAL HERE, V. 46; AND NO. 5 THE PROFESSION BY THIS WOMAN AND BY JESUS, VV. 47&48.

**** SO WE'LL LOOK AT THE PEOPLE, THE PLEA,** THE PRESS, THE POWER AND THE PROFESSION UNDER THE TITLE OF DESPERATION.

*** AND WITH THOSE MARKERS TO DIRECT US, **LOOK AT V. 40 PLEASE WHERE WE'LL SEE OUR** FIRST POINT, THE PEOPLE.

I. THE PEOPLE, (READ V. 40)

A. NOW IN V. 40, JESUS RETURNS FROM THE REGION OF GADARA, ON THE EASTERN SHORE OF THE SEA OF GALILEE.

* NOW IF YOU RECALL OUR LORD WENT TO GADARA FOR SOME RELIEF FROM THE THRONGS OF PEOPLE THAT FOLLOWED HIM AROUND IN GALILEE.

** AND ON HIS WAY FROM GALILEE TO GERASENES OR GADARA, JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES WERE CAUGHT IN A HUGE STORM ON THE SEA OF GALILEE WHICH HE MIRACULOUSLY CALMED IN LUKE 8:22-25.

*** THEN AFTER HE ARRIVES AT GADARA AFTER HE CALMS THE STORM, JESUS ENCOUNTERS TWO DEMON POSSESSED MANIACS, AND CAST THE DEMONS THAT POSSESSED THEM INTO A HERD OF SWINE, AND THEY RUSHED DOWN THE STEEP BANK INTO THE LAKE AND DIED. (YOU REMEMBER, THEY DID A SWINE DIVE INTO THE LAKE).

**** WELL AS A RESULT OF THAT, THE TERRIFIED INHABITANTS OF THE REGION BEGGED THE LORD TO LEAVE, AND HE DID, AND GOT INTO A BOAT AND RETURNED ACROSS THE SEA OF GALILEE TO THE FAMILIAR TOWN OF CAPERNAUM.

1. NOW UPON HIS ARRIVAL BACK TO GALILEE, JESUS IMMEDIATELY WAS ENGULFED BY A LARGE CROWD ACCORDING TO THE COMPANION PARALLEL TEXT IN MARK 5:21.

** AND WHAT A CONTRAST TO THE PEOPLE IN GADARA, FOR THEY ASKED JESUS TO LEAVE, BUT THE PEOPLE IN THE CAPERNAUM AREA, **"WELCOMED HIM," AND WERE WAITING FOR HIM** TO RETURN.

** THEY ARE REALLY GLAD TO SEE JESUS RETURN. AND TWO PEOPLE SPECIFICALLY ARE ESPECIALLY GLAD TO SEE JESUS, FOR THEY ARE IN A STATE OF DESPERATION. AND THE FIRST ONE IS IDENTIFIED IN V. 41, AND HE MAKES A **PLEA TO JESUS, OUR 2'D POINT TODAY. LOOK** AT V. 41 PLEASE.

II. THE PLEA, (READ V. 41)

A. NOW THE DESPERATE MAN'S NAME THAT IS INTRODUCED TO US HERE IS JAIRUS, AND HE IS IDENTIFIED AS AN OFFICIAL OF THE SYNAGOGUE IN THE NAS, AND A RULER OF THE SYNAGOGUE KJV, NKJV, ESV AND NIV.

* NOW THE SYNAGOGUE WAS THE SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL CENTER OF LIFE IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY, AND THIS MAN WAS ONE OF THE MAIN LEADERS, A HIGH RANKING OFFICIAL IN CAPERNAUM.

** AND IN HIS RESPONSIBILITY HE SUPERVISED WORSHIP SERVICES AT THE SYNAGOGUE AND OVERSAW THE WORK OF THE LAY ELDERS, WHICH INCLUDED TEACHING AND SETTLING DISPUTES AND OTHER LEADERSHIP DUTIES.

***** SO HE'S A PART OF THE UPPER JEWISH CRUST IN CAPERNAUM AND MAY HAVE BEEN AT THE SYNAGOGUE IN CAPERNAUM WHERE JESUS CAST OUT A DEMON IN LUKE 4:31-37, AND PROBABLY SAW JESUS PERFORM MIRACLES OF HEALING AT CAPERNAUM.**

****** AND POSSIBLY SEEING AND DEFINITELY HEARING OF JESUS' POWER AND WORK, HE COMES AND FALLS AT JESUS' FEET AND IMPLORES HIM, LIT. BEGS, HE PLEADS WITH JESUS TO COME TO HIS HOME.**

1. HE DOESN'T COME DEMANDING AS A HIGH RANKING JEWISH OFFICIAL, HE COMES HUMBLY, BEGGING, FALLING AT JESUS' FEET.

* NOW WHAT DRIVES A JEWISH RULER OF THE SYNAGOGUE, A PART OF THE RELIGIOUS ESTABLISHMENT THAT ON THE WHOLE WAS ALREADY TURNING AGAINST, WHAT DRIVES HIM TO COME TO JESUS AND FALL AT HIS FEET? WELL, V. 42 GIVES US THE ANSWER. LOOK AT V. 42 PLEASE.

B. READ V. 42A. NOW AS PARENTS, WE WILL DO ANYTHING WE CAN TO HELP OUR CHILDREN WHEN THEY ARE SICK AND IN NEED.

* **AND JAIRUS'** DAUGHTER, HIS ONLY ONE, WHO WAS 12 YEARS OLD, WAS DYING, LIT. AT THE POINT OF DEATH ACCORDING TO MARK 5:23.

** FOR MARK 5:23 SAYS: AND IMploRED HIM **EARNESTLY, SAYING, "MY LITTLE DAUGHTER IS AT THE POINT OF DEATH; PLEASE COME AND LAY YOUR HANDS ON HER, SO THAT SHE WILL GET WELL AND LIVE."**

*** NOW WHATEVER THIS SYNAGOGUE OFFICIAL **THOUGHT OF JESUS BEFORE THIS TIME, DOESN'T** MATTER, FOR HE IS DESPERATE, HIS **DAUGHTER'S DYING AND JESUS IS HIS FINAL** HOPE.

**** SO AT THIS POINT, JAIRUS IS NO LONGER CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT HIS FELLOW LEADERS IN THE SYNAGOGUE OR THE SCRIBES AND PHARISEES MIGHT THINK OF HIM.

1. DESPERATE TIMES LEAD TO DESPERATE MEASURES. AND THE QUESTION AT THIS POINT IS, WILL JESUS RESPOND? AND THE ANSWER IS YES, OF COURSE. LOOK AT V. 42B PLEASE **WHERE WE'LL START TO SEE OUR THIRD POINT** TODAY, THE PRESS.

III. THE PRESS, (READ V. 42)

A. NOW JESUS DROPPED WHAT HE WAS DOING AND STARTS TO FOLLOW JAIRUS TO HIS HOUSE, **V. 42B SAYS, "HE WENT."**

* WHAT COMPASSION, WHAT LOVE, WHAT AN EXAMPLE. THERE IS NO GIVING A JEWISH LEADER THAT MAY HAVE OPPOSED HIM AS OTHER JEWISH OFFICIALS DID, A COLD SHOULDER, NO. HE STARTS TO FOLLOW HIM.

** HOWEVER, AS JESUS STARTS TO FOLLOW HIM, IT SAYS IN V. 42, THE CROWDS WERE PRESSING AGAINST HIM.

*** AND THE GREEK VERB FOR PRESS LIT. MEANS TO CHOKE, TO SUFFOCATE, MEANING THE CROWD AROUND JESUS AT THIS TIME IS CRUSHING HIM, THEY THROG HIM, THEY CROWD HIM, JESUS CAN HARDLY MOVE, FOR ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 9:19, HIS DISCIPLES ALSO ARE FOLLOWING HIM AND MARK 5:24, ALSO A LARGE CROWD.

**** **AND I'M SURE THAT YOU HAVE BEEN IN** VENUES LIKE BIG SPORTING EVENTS OR CONFERENCES OR CONCERTS WHERE AS EVERYONE IS LEAVING, YOU CAN HARDLY MOVE, YOU ARE AT A STAND STILL AND EVERYONE IS **PRESSING UP AGAINST YOU, AND THAT'S** EXACTLY WHAT WE HAVE HERE. JESUS CAN HARDLY MOVE IN THE PRESS.

1. WELL, AT THIS POINT OF THE PRESS AGAINST JESUS, A WOMAN WHO IS IN THE PRESS ENTERS THE NARRATIVE, LOOK AT V. 43 PLEASE.

B. READ V. 43. **NOW AS A BELIEVER I DON'T** BELIEVE IN LUCK, CHANCE OR ACCIDENTS OR THAT THINGS JUST HAPPEN, BUT THAT ALMIGHTY GOD GUIDES AND DIRECTS IN HUMAN DESTINY, THAT ALMIGHTY GOD ORDAINS AND CONVENES, AND BY DIVINE INTERVENTION DIRECTS IN THE LIVES OF HIS PEOPLE, AND THAT TRUTH REALLY HELPS ME TO GO FROM PANIC TO PEACE.

* AND THIS REALITY AND TRUTH IS CALLED **GOD'S PROVIDENCE. AND GOD'S PROVIDENCE IS** CLEARLY MANIFESTED IN THIS SETTING AND CIRCUMSTANCE.

** **FOR ON THE WAY TO JARIUS' HOUSE A** WOMAN WHO HAS BEEN DEATHLY SICK FOR 12 YEARS IS ON THE DIVINE PATH THAT JESUS IS WALKING ON.

***** AND IT WASN'T A MATTER THAT JESUS "JUST HAPPENED" TO TAKE THIS PATH, THIS ROUTE AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME, OR THAT THIS WOMAN "JUST HAPPENED" TO BE THERE WHEN JESUS WOULD COME BY, THIS WASN'T HER "LUCKY DAY", THIS WAS A PART OF THE DIVINE PLAN, THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD.**

**** NOW SPECIFICALLY IN V. 43, THIS WOMAN HAD A HEMORRHAGE AND COULD NOT BE HEALED BY ANYONE.

1. AND THIS HEMORRHAGE, A FLOW OF BLOOD, A DISCHARGE OF BLOOD, LIT. BLEEDING AS A WOMAN.

* THIS WOMAN HAD SOME KIND OF MENSTRUAL PROBLEM, SOME KIND OF FEMALE PROBLEM WHICH CAUSES HER TO CONTINUALLY BLEED. SHE HAD TO BE WEAK AND I WILL SHOW IN V. 44, SHE HAD TO BE DESPERATE.

**** BUT ALSO ACCORDING TO MARK'S ACCOUNT**
IN MARK 5:26, SHE SPENT ALL OF HER MONEY
ON DOCTORS TRYING TO GET HELP, BUT GREW
WORSE.

******* SO PHYSICALLY THIS WOMAN IS WEAK,
SHE'S BROKE, AND BEYOND THAT WAS AN
OUTCAST SPIRITUALLY IN JUDAISM WHICH
EXPLAINS WHY SHE DOES WHAT SHE DOES IN V.
44. LOOK AT V. 44 PLEASE.

C. READ V. 44. NOW THIS WOMAN DOES NOT
SAY ANYTHING TO JESUS, SHE DOES NOT CRY
OUT TO JESUS AS THE RULER OF THE
SYNAGOGUE DID.

* SHE COMES UP BEHIND JESUS AND TOUCHES
THE FRINGE OF HIS CLOAK, THE EDGE OF HIS
CLOAK, THE BORDER OF HIS GARMENT.

****** NOW WHY THIS STEALTH APPROACH?

******* WELL, IT WAS PERFECT FOR HER WITH THE
PRESS OF PEOPLE ALL AROUND JESUS.

**** FOR SHE WAS A SOCIAL OUTCAST. AND ACCORDING TO LEVITICUS 15:29-32 A WOMAN WITH A BLEEDING PROBLEM LIKE HERS WAS CEREMONIALLY UNCLEAN FOR AS LONG AS THE CONDITION PERSISTED.

***** NOW WHAT DID THAT MEAN? WELL, SHE COULD NOT GO TO THE TEMPLE OR ATTEND THE SYNAGOGUE. NO ONE IN HER FAMILY COULD TOUCH HER, INCLUDING HER HUSBAND IF SHE WAS MARRIED.

1. AND BEYOND THAT, ANYONE SHE TOUCHED, THAT PERSON BECAME CEREMONIALLY UNCLEAN. IT WAS ALMOST LIKE SHE WAS A LEPER. SHE WAS AN OUTCAST, BOTH IN SOCIETY AND HER OWN FAMILY. HER SITUATION WAS HOPELESS, SHE WAS DESPERATE.

* AND DESPERATE TIMES DEMANDED DESPERATE MEASURES, SO SHE GETS INTO THE PRESS OF THE CROWD TO HIDE, SO SHE WOULD NOT BE EXPOSED AS UNCLEAN AND TOUCHES **THE FRINGE OF JESUS' ROBE.**

** NOW NOTE THAT IN DEUTERONOMY 22:12,
**GOD COMMANDED THE JEWS, "YOU SHALL MAKE
YOURSELF TASSELS ON THE FOUR CORNERS OF
YOUR GARMENTS WHICH YOU COVER
YOURSELF."**

*** AND THOSE TASSELS ON THE FRINGE OF
THEIR ROBES, SERVED AS A REMINDER OF THE
OBLIGATION TO OBEY GOD'S COMMANDMENTS
IN NUMBERS 15:37-41.

**** SO THIS WOMAN TOUCHES A TASSEL OF
JESUS AND MATTHEW IN HIS PARALLEL
COMPANION ACCOUNT RECORDS IN MATTHEW
9:21 THAT THIS WOMAN KEPT SAYING TO
**HERSELF, "IF I ONLY TOUCH HIS GARMENT, I
WILL GET WELL."**

2. SO SHE HAD FAITH THAT JESUS COULD HEAL
HER AND IN STEALTH FROM THE PRESS OF
PEOPLE, COMES UP BEHIND JESUS, TOUCHING
HIS TASSEL AND IMMEDIATELY HER BLEEDING IS
STOPPED, AFTER 12 YEARS OF SUFFERING.

* AND IN HER MIND, SHE WAS GOING TO QUIETLY LEAVE, BUT NOT SO. LOOK AT V. 45 PLEASE.

D. READ V. 45. NOW AFTER THIS WOMAN WAS **HEALED, JESUS SAID, "WHO IS THE ONE WHO TOUCHED ME?"**

* NOW OBVIOUSLY OUR ALL KNOWING LORD WAS NOT ASKING FOR INFORMATION. FOR JESUS HAD TO KNOW WHO TOUCHED HIM, SO THE QUESTION IS ASKED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THIS WOMAN.

** FOR OUR LOVING LORD WANTS THIS WOMAN RESTORED SOCIALLY, HE WANTS HER TO IDENTIFY HERSELF SO SHE NO LONGER HAS THE STIGMA, THE SHAME OF BEING UNCLEAN LIKE A LEPER. JESUS WANTS HER HEALING MADE PUBLIC SO SHE CAN NOW BE INVOLVED SOCIALLY IN JEWISH LIFE.

*** NOW AS JESUS ASKS THIS QUESTION, EVERYONE AROUND HIM IS DENYING IT, SO PETER THE APOSTLE WITH THE FOOT SHAPED MOUTH FROM STICKING HIS FOOT IN HIS MOUTH FREQUENTLY (I IDENTIFY WITH HIM MORE THAN **ANY OF CHRIST'S DISCIPLES**) **PETER SAYS, "LORD, YOU SEE THE CROWD PRESSING IN ON YOU AND YOU SAY WHO TOUCHED ME?"**

**** AND PETER IS CAPTAIN OBVIOUS HERE. **COME ON LORD, THERE'S A HUGE CROWD** AROUND YOU AND PRESSING ON YOU, WHAT DO YOU MEAN, WHO TOUCHED YOU?

1. DON'T YOU GET A KICK OUT OF PETER? AND OUR LORD IS SO GRACIOUS AND HE DOESN'T SAY, PETER SHUT UP, I REALIZE PEOPLE ARE ALL AROUND ME, TOUCHING ME, BUT I AM AWARE THAT POWER WENT OUT OF ME.

*** LOOK AT V. 46 PLEASE WHERE WE'LL** SEE OUR 4TH POINT TODAY, THE POWER.

IV. THE POWER, (READ V. 46)

A. NOW THIS IS AN INTERESTING STATEMENT. JESUS KNEW THAT HEALING POWER WENT FORTH AND I WOULD TELL YOU JESUS WILLED IT.

* I MEAN, OTHER PEOPLE HAD TOUCHED JESUS IN THE PRESS OF THE CROWD AND THEY WERE NOT HEALED, AT LEAST NOTHING IS RECORDED THAT THEY WERE HERE AND IN MATTHEW AND MARK.

** THUS MY POINT IS, THE POWER OF JESUS IS NOT AN IMPERSONAL FORCE FLOWING FROM HIM TO PEOPLE. JESUS WAS FULLY AWARE OF HIS ACTION. I MEAN NO ONE EVER RECEIVED THE POWER OF JESUS IN HEALING WITHOUT **CLEAR AWARENESS ON JESUS' PART.**

***** AND JESUS' WORDS HERE MAKE THIS**
WOMAN WHOM HAD BEEN HEALED, REALIZE,
SHE COULD NOT HIDE. SHE PROBABLY GOES
FROM BEING MORTIFIED, BECAUSE SHE'S
CEREMONIALLY UNCLEAN TO RELIEF THAT
JESUS KNOWS HE HEALED HER, SO SHE COMES
FORTH AND MAKES A WONDERFUL PROFESSION
ABOUT WHAT JESUS DID.

****** LOOK AT V. 47 PLEASE WHERE WE'LL START**
TO SEE OUR 5TH POINT TODAY, THE PROFESSION.

V. THE PROFESSION, (READ V. 47)

A. NOW REALIZING SHE COULD NOT HIDE IN THE
CROWD, THAT SHE HAD NOT ESCAPED NOTICE,
SHE COMES TREMBLING IN REVERENTIAL FEAR,
IN TRUE FEAR OF GOD AND FELL DOWN BEFORE
JESUS IN HOMAGE AND WORSHIP AND AWE OF
THE POWER OF JESUS AND MAKES THIS
DECLARATION, THIS PROFESSION IN THE
PRESENCE OF THE CROWD.

* AND IN HER PROFESSION SHE TELLS EVERYONE WHY SHE TOUCHED JESUS, HER FAITH THAT SHE WOULD BE HEALED, AGAIN MATTHEW 9:21, SHE KNEW SHE WOULD GET WELL IF SHE TOUCHED JESUS, THERE WAS FAITH.

** BUT ALSO IN HER PROFESSION, SHE GIVES GLORY TO JESUS IN TALKING ABOUT HIS POWER FOR SHE COMMUNICATES THAT SHE WAS **HEALED "IMMEDIATELY" AS SHE TOUCHED HIM.**

*** **AND IN RESPONSE TO THIS WOMAN'S** PROFESSION OF FAITH, JESUS MAKES A PUBLIC DECLARATION, A PROFESSION OF HIS OWN. LOOK AT V. 48 PLEASE.

B. READ V. 48. NOW JESUS NOT CONTENT JUST TO RESTORE THIS WOMAN PHYSICALLY AND SOCIALLY SAYS TO HER THESE WORDS, WHICH MAY INDICATE HE RESTORED HER SPIRITUALLY.

* FOR JESUS CALLS HER DAUGHTER, THE ONLY TIME IN THE GOSPELS THAT JESUS USES THIS WORD TO ADDRESS A WOMAN, POSSIBLY MAKING REFERENCE TO SPIRITUAL KINSHIP, A DAUGHTER OF GOD, WHICH MIGHT IMPLY A SALVATION REDEMPTIVE ASPECT HERE.

** BUT BEYOND THAT, JESUS SAID, YOUR FAITH HAS MADE YOU WELL, AND THE GREEK WORD TRANSLATED WELL IS SOZO, THE COMMON N.T. WORD USED FOR SALVATION. AND ALTHOUGH IT DOES NOT ALWAYS MEANS SPIRITUAL SALVATION, IT COMMONLY DOES.

*** SO SHE MAY HAVE BEEN SAVED AT THIS TIME, WHICH I WOULD NOT DOUBT, SEEING THE POWER AND PITY OF JESUS AND HE TELLS HER LAST OF ALL TO GO IN PEACE, WHICH CAN BE A COMMON GREETING FOR JEWS OR NOW SHE COULD GO IN PEACE FOR SHE HAS BEEN RECONCILED TO GOD IN HER SIN AND NOW BEING JUSTIFIED BY FAITH, SHE NOW HAS PEACE WITH GOD, QUOTE ROMANS 5:1.

**** THUS PEACE WITH GOD MAY NOW BE HER STATE AS SHE WAS RESTORED PHYSICALLY, SOCIALLY, AND MAYBE ETERNALLY. WHAT A DAY FOR THIS DESPERATE WOMAN!

THREE APPLICATIONS TODAY FROM THIS TEXT,
NO. 1 THE POWER AND PITY OF JESUS RISES UP **OUT OF OUR STUDY. CHRIST'S COMPASSIONATE** HEART IS LAID BARE. CHRIST GIVES HOPE TO THE HOPELESS, HE GIVES HOPE TO PEOPLE IN DESPAIR.

* HOPE FOR A CHIEF RULER, TO START TO FOLLOW HIM TO HIS HOUSE, WHICH WE WILL COMPLETE THIS TEXT LORD WILLING NEXT SUNDAY.

** BUT HOPE AT LEAST FOR A JEWISH MAN WHO WAS PROBABLY AN UP AND OUTER, AND HOPE FOR A WOMAN WHO WAS A DOWN AND OUTER. CERTAINLY JESUS HAS COMPASSION ON ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE. HIS PITY AND POWER ARE AMAZING.

***** NO. 2 THINK OF THE LORD'S WILLINGNESS**
FOR INTERRUPTIONS, IN HIS DIVINE TIMETABLE.
I MEAN HE'S ON HIS WAY TO HEAL A 12 YEAR
OLD GIRL WHO'S DYING AND HE STOPS AND IS
INTERRUPTED BY A WOMAN WHO'S BEEN SICK
FOR 12 YEARS.

(2) BUT THIS WAS A PART OF HIS PLAN. DIVINE
INTERRUPTIONS HAPPENED TO JESUS IN HIS
FATHER'S PROVIDENCE AND SO WILL THEY IN
OUR LIVES. AND MAY WE LEARN TO BECOME
MORE SENSITIVE TO THEM.

* WHETHER THE INTERRUPTION IS IN OUR
SCHEDULE, A CAREER, OUR HEALTH AND
WHATEVER. GOD IS EVER AND ALWAYS ON THE
THRONE. SO WE MUST LEARN TO BE SENSITIVE
TO THESE DIVINE INTERRUPTIONS WHEN THEY
DO NOT SEEM TO BE CONVENIENT OR AT A
GOOD TIME.

**** I MEAN THINK OF THE CHIEF RULER. HE'S** LEADING JESUS TO HIS HOUSE, TO HEAL HIS DYING DAUGHTER BUT THEY CAN HARDLY MOVE FROM THE PRESS OF PEOPLE AND THEN JESUS STOPS AND SAYS WHO TOUCHED ME, AND EVERY PASSING MOMENT HIS DAUGHTER IS **GETTING CLOSER TO DEATH AND IN FACT SHE'LL** DIE AS WE WILL SEE LORD WILLING AS WE FINISH OUT LUKE 8 NEXT WEEK.

***** HOWEVER, ALL OF THIS WAS A PART OF GOD'S DIVINE PLAN, A DIVINE INTERRUPTION AND THIS MAN'S DAUGHTER DYING.**

****** SOMETIMES WE ARE IN A HURRY AND GOD'S NOT. MAY WE PLAN AND THEN REST IN GOD'S** PROVIDENTIAL PLAN AND HIS HIGHER WAYS. QUOTE PROVERBS 16:9, PROVERBS 3:5&6, ISAIAH 55:8&9.

- NO. 3 AND LAST OF ALL, BEFORE SALVATION FROM SIN COMES DESPERATION. I MEAN UNLESS YOU SEE YOUR DESPERATE NEED OF FORGIVENESS OF SIN AND FAITH IN CHRIST, YOU WILL NOT TURN TO JESUS FOR SALVATION, QUOTE LUKE 5:32, LUKE 19:10.

* AND IF YOU ARE HERE TODAY AND SEE YOUR SIN THAT SEPARATES YOU FROM A HOLY GOD, AND ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR DESPERATE NEED OF JESUS CHRIST, THEN CRY OUT TO HIM IN YOUR HOPELESSNESS AND HE WILL FORGIVE YOU.

** EVERYBODY IS DESPERATE, GOD SAVES PEOPLE WHO IN DESPERATION TURN FROM SIN TO JESUS CHRIST FOR SALVATION. QUOTE LUKE 18:13, GOD BE MERCIFUL TO ME A SINNER.

(LET'S PRAY)