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**Luke 8:43–48**

**WELCOME:**  
Fixing  
Our Focus

**Suggested Icebreaker:**

Ask GG members to share an experience when they felt hopeless. Ask them to share what led to their situation and what happened afterward. Use this to segue into the lesson.

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**WORSHIP:**  
Adoring  
Our God

**Suggested song:**

[Victory in Jesus \(Christ Won the Victory\)](#)

# WORD & WALK:

## Understanding & Applying the Word

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### LESSON AIM

1. GG members will acknowledge that Jesus is capable of accomplishing what is humanly impossible because he is God.
2. GG members will realize that only faith in Christ can save them from spiritual maladies or sin.
3. GG members will have the boldness to declare their faith in Jesus Christ publicly.

### INTRODUCTION

This section of Luke's Gospel (Luke 8:40-56) shows Christ's authority over sickness and death. In the previous lesson, we saw Christ's authority over death. In this lesson, we will see His authority over sickness. Both stories have similarities and contrasts. The only daughter of Jairus is twelve years old, while the woman has been suffering for twelve years. Jairus is wealthy and well known, while the woman had lost her wealth and remained anonymous.

### **Jesus healed a woman suffering from bleeding (vv. 43-48)**

Jairus earlier came to Jesus seeking his help, as his only daughter was on the brink of death. As they and the crowd were en route to the house of Jairus, a woman who had been suffering for twelve years also sought help from Jesus, but dared not approach him publicly.

1. How did Luke describe the woman's circumstances? How did she fare in seeking help from physicians?
2. In contrast, what happened when she sought healing from Jesus?
3. What was Christ's immediate reaction? What was the reason he gave for the question he asked?<sup>1</sup>
4. What did the woman do in response to Christ's question? How did Jesus respond to her? (Notice the similarity with Luke 7:50.)

<sup>1</sup>Commentators differ on the reason behind Christ's question. Some say that Christ honestly didn't know who touched him, citing that the word "who" Christ used was masculine. Others speculate that Christ asked the question so that the woman could publicly express her faith in him. Still others speculate that Christ wanted to use the woman's healing to strengthen the faith of Jairus. The text does not explicitly mention any of these reasons, only that Christ perceived that power had gone out from him to heal.

# WORD & WALK:

## Understanding & Applying the Word

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### APPLICATION

You may be in a similar circumstance as the woman, thinking that a resolution to your problem is humanly impossible. Take heart, for what is humanly impossible is possible with Jesus. How can you turn to him in faith regarding your situation?

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### PRAYER ITEM

Father God, thank You for sending Your Son into this world to accomplish what we could not do for ourselves - saving us from sin and death. Furthermore, Jesus also meets our other needs. What a gracious gift indeed! Grant me courage and boldness to declare what Christ has done for me publicly so that Your name may be glorified. All this I pray in Christ's name. Amen. ■



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