

**A**

***Great***

***Father***

***Luke 8:40-56***

# Introduction

## A. Men the world regard as great

1. Kings who have kept the peace or conquered territory
2. Generals who have been great leaders in battle
3. Athletes who have thrilled the spectators

**But being a “great” man does not make you a great dad**

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**Constantine the Great**

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**King Saul**

**1 Samuel 9:2**

**And he had a son, whose name was Saul, a choice young man, and a goodly: and there was not among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he: from his shoulders and upward he was higher than any of the people.**

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## 1 Samuel 16:7

**But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.**

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## B. Great men from God's perspective

1. Men who have come to faith in Christ
2. Men who have been faithful to their wives
3. Men who have been examples to their children

## Jeremiah 35:5-6

5 And I set before the sons of the house of the Rechabites pots full of wine, and cups, and I said unto them, Drink ye wine.

6 But they said, We will drink no wine: for Jonadab the son of Rechab our father commanded us, saying, Ye shall drink no wine, neither ye, nor your sons for ever:

# **A Great Father**



**Jairus**  
**“Whom God Enlightens”**

# **I. Jairus Did The Greatest Thing A Father Can Do**

**Luke 8:40-41**

**40 And it came to pass, that, when Jesus was returned, the people gladly received him: for they were all waiting for him.**

**41 And, behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue: and he fell down at Jesus' feet, and besought him that he would come into his house:**

# **I. Jairus Did The Greatest Thing A Father Can Do**

## **A. He came to Jesus**

**Matthew 11:28**

**Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden,  
and I will give you rest.**

**John 6:37**

**All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him  
that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.**

## **B. Who Jairus was**

- 1. A ruler in the synagogue**
- 2. A leader among his people**

# **I. Jairus Did The Greatest Thing A Father Can Do**

## **C. How Jairus came**

- 1. He came humbly**
- 2. He came with a troubled heart**

### **John 14:1**

**Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.**

### **John 14:27**

**Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.**

# **I. Jairus Did The Greatest Thing A Father Can Do**

## **D. What brought Jairus to Jesus**

- 1. An upset in his home**
- 2. A problem he could not solve**
- 3. A need of the touch of God on one he loved**

# **I. Jairus Did The Greatest Thing A Father Can Do**

**The Greatest Thing Anyone Can Do Is  
Come To Jesus**

# **II. Jairus Demonstrated The Greatest Example of A Father**

**Luke 8:42**

**For he had one only daughter, about twelve years of age,  
and she lay a dying. But as he went the people thronged  
him.**

**A. He came to talk to Jesus about his child**

**B. The most privileged children in the world**

**1. Those whose parents pray for them**

**2. Those whose names are often before the throne of  
grace**

**C. The most underprivileged children**

**1. Those who grow up in godless homes**

**2. Those whose parents do not pray for them**

## **II. Jairus Demonstrated The Greatest Example of A Father**

**D. We can pray for our children and expect answers**

**Matthew 18:10**

**Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.**

**1 John 5:14-15**

**14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:**

**15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.**

## **II. Jairus Demonstrated The Greatest Example of A Father**

### **E. Bible examples of praying fathers:**

**Noah**

**Abraham**

**Job**

**Joshua**

## **James 5:13-16**

**13 Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.**

**14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:**

**15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.**

**16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.**

# **III. Jairus Faced The Greatest Test Of A Father's Faith**

**Luke 8:49-50**

**49 While he yet spake, there cometh one from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, Thy daughter is dead; trouble not the Master.**

**50 But when Jesus heard it, he answered him, saying, Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole.**

**A. When he awaits news of his child's welfare**

**B. When the news came it was bad**

**C. Encouragement comes from Jesus in the presence of bad news**

**Nothing takes Jesus by surprise**

# **III. Jairus Faced The Greatest Test Of A Father's Faith**

**D. Jesus had prepared Jairus for this moment**

**1. The healing of the woman along the way**

**Luke 8:43-48**

**2. Walking with Jesus allows us to encounter faith building opportunities**

## **Psalm 37:4-5**

**4 Delight thyself also in the LORD: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.**

**5 Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.**

## **IV. Jairus Found The Power Of God**

**A. The daughter of this great father was healed**

**Luke 8:51-56**

**51 And when he came into the house, he suffered no man to go in, save Peter, and James, and John, and the father and the mother of the maiden.**

**52 And all wept, and bewailed her: but he said, Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth.**

## **IV. Jairus Found The Power Of God**

**A. The daughter of this great father was healed**

**Luke 8:51-56 - continued**

**53 And they laughed him to scorn, knowing that she was dead.**

**54 And he put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, Maid, arise.**

**55 And her spirit came again, and she arose straightway: and he commanded to give her meat.**

**56 And her parents were astonished: but he charged them that they should tell no man what was done.**

**Nothing is beyond His power**

***Fear Not,  
Believe Only,  
And See What  
Jesus Does For You***