

Chair Time

Psalm 19 (page 456)

Luke 8:40-56 (page 866)

[40] Now when Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him.

[41] And there came a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue. And falling at Jesus' feet, he implored him to come to his house, [42] for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying.

As Jesus went, the people pressed around him. [43] And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, and though she had spent all her living on physicians, she could not be healed by anyone. [44] She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, and immediately her discharge of blood ceased. [45] And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds surround you and are pressing in on you!" [46] But Jesus said, "Someone touched me, for I perceive that power has gone out from me." [47] And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. [48] And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace."

[49] While he was still speaking, someone from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." [50] But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she will be well." [51] And when he came to the house, he allowed no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. [52] And all were weeping and mourning for her, but he said, "Do not weep, for she is not dead but sleeping." [53] And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. [54] But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." [55] And her spirit returned, and she got up at once. And he directed that something should be given her to eat. [56] And her parents were amazed, but he charged them to tell no one what had happened. (ESV)

- Ask God to give you an openness to hear whatever the Spirit wishes to bring to you today.
- A word or phrase, a detail or a special moment of the story that stands out to you. If it's a story, you might ask the Lord where you are in the story. Who or what do you identify with most?

- Why do you think these words resonated with you? What draws you? What are you thinking or feeling about God?
- As Jesus: "How does this connect with my life today? What do I need to know or be or do?"
- Talk to God about what you think the Spirit might have said to you or what came to you. Pray in whatever way you are led. You might thank God for something or ask God for something.
- Finally, How did God seem in the passage? What about God makes you want to worship him, or at least be with him?