Introduction

God’s providence refers to his sovereign arrangement of all of life.

“Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So, don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.” Matthew 10:29-30

These two miracles are an illustration of God’s providence and Jesus’ power over sickness and death.

Jesus is the Lord of life.

I. Two Hopeless Situations. Luke 8:40-43

Jairus, the synagogue ruler came to Jesus, fell at his feet, and begged Jesus to come and see his twelve-year-old daughter who was dying.

As Jesus made his way, a woman who had been sick for 12 years came up and touched him.

In both of these situations, all human resources had been exhausted.

They came to Jesus for help.

He will provide for you, as you trust in him.

II. Two Calls for Faith. Luke 8:44-50

“Who touched me?”

Jesus called the woman out for her benefit.

- He wanted her to know it was her faith that brought healing – not some superstition.
- He wanted the people to know she had been healed so that she could be welcomed back into the community.

A timid faith became a testifying faith.

Has God worked in your life? Don’t be afraid to tell others what God has done.

Consider Jairus:
- Well known. Well respected.
- The synagogue leader.
- A man of faith, but right now his faith was being tested.

"Your daughter is dead. Don’t bother the Teacher anymore."

Jesus said to him, "Don’t be afraid; just believe and she will be healed."

God was at work in both situations.

III. One Powerful Healer. Luke 8:51-56

Power went out from Jesus.

He is the Lord and Giver of Life! He even has power to raise the dead.

Jesus told the mourners to stop wailing. She is only asleep. They laughed at him.

But Jesus took her by the hand and said, "My child, get up!"

It was a life-giving touch and a life-giving word.

These miracles are important to our faith because of what we believe about life after death.

Jesus will say to each of us, "My child, arise."

Conclusion

"Where is your faith?"

"People fear death. They try to deny it, defy it and delay it, but one day it will defeat you."

Stuart Briscoe

Where is your faith? Unless you know and have placed your faith in Christ, it is a false hope.

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