

Fathers & Daughters

in the Biblical Tradition



Session Seven: It Ain't Over

Luke 8:40-42, 49-56

1. **Talkback with Pastor Jenny** - What does it mean in this scene to say: Jesus not only wants to give these two daughters physical health, he really wants to give them himself? What spiritual practices or experiences in Church life help you to know that in the eyes of Jesus, you are precious (“...like a daughter to him” - cf. II Samuel 12:3b)?
2. **Father's Day** - In the Gospel of Luke, parents consistently display affection and concern for their children (cf. 2:48, 7:12, 9:38, 11:11-12, 14:5, 18:15-16). How has your role as a parent (or, your role as a son/daughter) impacted the development of your faith? And the \$64,000.00 question: are daughters more like their fathers, or their mothers (cf. Ezekiel 16:44)?
3. **Go Deeper** - The closing line in this narrative is somewhat bewildering to the contemporary reader: “*Tell no one...*!” (8:56b, cf. Mark 5:43a but also Matthew 9:26). In context, why might Jesus have given this command? In today's world, how might our testimonies about divine healings - or our witness to the reality of Jesus' resurrection, itself! - be central to the spreading of the gospel?