



**WEST  
SIDE  
CHURCH**

**Week 20**

**Sermon Series:** Lessons from the Sinless Savior

**Sermon Title:** Hope Does Not Put Us to Shame

**Sermon Text:** Luke 8:40-56

**Group Week of:** December 3, 2023

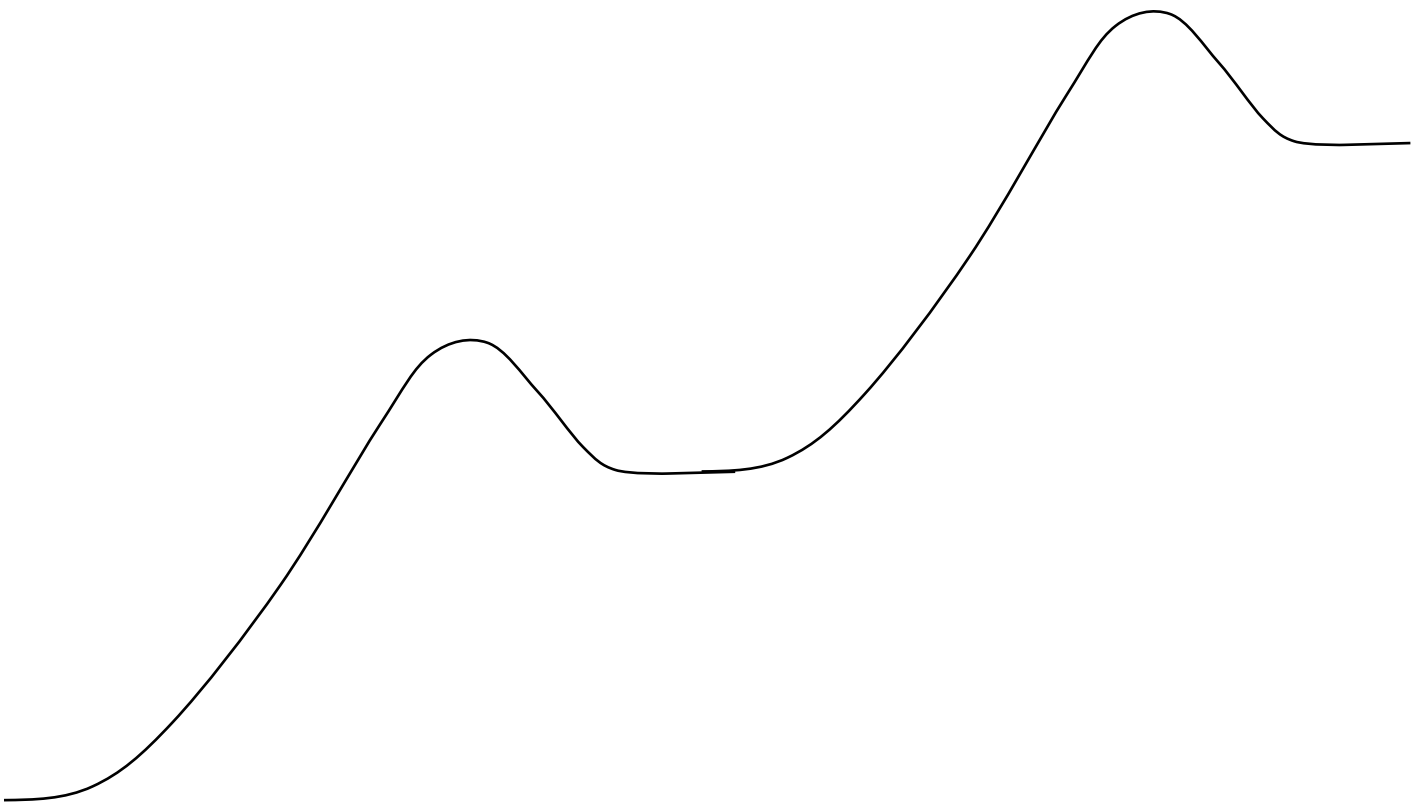
**Sermon Date:** December 10, 2023

**Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies**

<b>Day 1</b>	Hope – Romans 8:18-30
<b>Day 2</b>	Hope – Hebrews 11:1-12
<b>Day 3</b>	Hope – 1 John 3:1-3
<b>Day 4</b>	Hope – Hebrews 3:1-6
<b>Day 5</b>	Hope – Romans 5:1-11

**The Text:** Luke 8:40-56

- 1) **Read** the text slowly and carefully.
- 2) **Pray** for understanding, insight, and transformation.
- 3) **Fill in the plot arch** by writing down verses in the story as points on the plot line to help show you where the main lessons in the story are.
- 4) **Answer** the interpretive questions at the bottom.



**Textual Questions**

- 1) What is (are) the main lesson(s) that you see God teaching through Luke in this passage?
- 2) How does the bleeding woman demonstrate her faith in this account?
- 3) How does Jairus demonstrate his faith in this account?

## Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) Share with your life group about a time in your life when you came to the end of your rope, when you felt powerless before your troubles, and/or when you exhausted every resource you had to overcome a problem, but the problem remained. What happened? How are you still standing today?
  
- 2) Answer the following questions for both the bleeding woman and Jairus:
  - i. What trial are they going through and how has it affected their lives?
  
  - ii. What earthly sources of hope and strength have failed them?
  
  - iii. How do they put their hope in Christ and what does that lead to?
  
  - iv. What do you learn from their story about hoping in Christ?
  
- 3) Apply the lessons from above to the following case study. Discuss with your life group what sort of counsel you would give Phil based on our passage this week:

**Case Study:** Phil could be any of us. He leads a Bible study at church, is actively involved in his kids' school/extra-curricular life, and intentionally dates his wife. He works 50-60 hours a week, and his job regularly requires travel. He also tries to hit the gym five days a week for at least an hour and a half. Phil has just gotten a slew of bad news. The roof is leaking and needs to be replaced, and one of his cars needs a new transmission. His daughter and her boyfriend have been inappropriate at church. His job needs him to work additional hours for the next few months on some critical projects, and the new Bible study he's been assigned is going to require hours of extra study for him each week. Phil has gotten to where he is through hard work, but he knows that hard work won't get him through the trials before him. He has come to you for prayer and counsel. What do you say?
  
- 4) God often brings us to the end of ourselves because only then have we been humbled enough to put our hope solely in Him. You can be sure that God will be faithful to fulfill every promise He has given. However, we must also remember that He has **not** promised to get us through life without suffering. Instead, He has promised to be with us in suffering and to use it for our good. Whatever trials you face, take the time to place your hope solely in Jesus. Share any reflections or questions on this point with your life group.