

Dear Coach's Wife,

In the coaching profession, January ushers in "Job Hunting Season." Ready or not, it barges in leaving many coaching couples innocently caught up in the middle of bewildering scenarios.

*Luke 8:41-42 "And there came a man named Jarius, who was a ruler of the synagogue. And falling down at Jesus' feet, he implored him to come to his house for he had an only daughter, about 12 years of age, and she was dying."*

Jarius' appearance on this particular day both prequels and sequels our lady's healing from the issue of blood we discussed in December. Her miracle happened right in the middle of Jarius' story. In verse 42, Jarius had the Master's ear, in verses 43 through 48, he did not... becoming an innocent bystander to her situation.

*Luke 8:49 "While Jesus was still speaking (to our woman with the issue of blood) someone from the Jarius' house, came and said, 'Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher anymore.'"*

Awe, what a crippling turn of events for poor Jarius! If only he could have gotten through the crowd faster... if only he had approached Jesus earlier... AND, if only that woman hadn't publicly interrupted them!

*Luke 8:50 "But Jesus, on hearing this, answered, 'Do not fear, only believe, and she will be well.'"*

"But Jesus..." "But God..." In Scripture, this phrase always introduces an intervention of compassion. It's a transitional moment capturing our Lord's nature. So, while Jesus was dealing with our lady's issue, he also intervened on Jarius' behalf.

*Luke 8:51 "And when Jesus came to the house, he allowed no one to enter with him, except Peter, John, and James, and the mother and father of the child."*

It is important to note who was invited into this house of despair, they were his closest friends and family. As with any devastation, those are the ones we want near.

*Luke 8:52 "And all were weeping and mourning for her, but he said, 'Do not weep, for she is not dead, but sleeping.' And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand, he called, saying, 'Child, arise.'"*

Upon hearing this, do not forget that right in the middle of Jarius' story, the woman with the issue of blood's future unfolds. BUT JESUS, would not overlook Jarius and his daughter, as he did not overlook our lady and her issue.

Dear coach's wife, as you walk through the months ahead, it's possible your plans might be publicly interrupted. Maybe you have a good thing going, you have the Master's ear, yet someone advances into your arrangement, prompting the "If onlys?!" Hold your plans loosely while holding tightly to those you love. Jesus sees you... you are not left for dead! In time, you WILL hear him say, "Child arise."

Love,

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