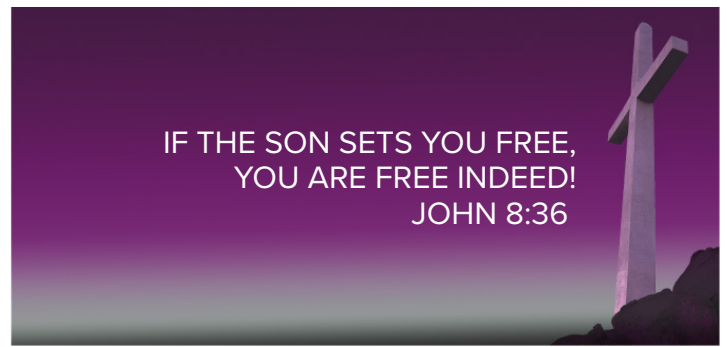


# Jesus IOI

## “Grace Thoughts”



A short devotional to help get you excited about Jesus!

*“Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.” —Luke 8:48*

My parents did whatever was necessary for my well-being. When I was a child, I would get sudden asthma attacks that were life-threatening, and I remember my parents rushing me to the hospital, which was on the other side of town. As my face was turning blue, my dad would flash the car lights so that the other cars would move out of the way, while my mother would frantically wave her arms through the window to signal that this was an emergency. They saved my life many times. I’m sure you would do the same for your children.

It is no surprise that Jairus, an official of the synagogue, fell at the feet of Jesus “and began to implore Him to come to his house; for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, and she was dying” (Luke 8:41, 42). He was willing to do anything for his daughter’s well-being. Jesus agreed and went. But what happens next is surprising. As Jesus is walking toward the house of Jairus, a destitute and sick woman, who has been bleeding for twelve years, interrupts His journey. The daughter of Jairus has a reputable daddy, willing to speak to Jesus on her behalf, but this unclean woman has no respectable male to stand up for her (which was expected in that culture): no father, no husband, no son, no rabbi, no doctor . . . no one. So she, herself, “came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His cloak, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped” (verse 44). Just like that! She received the healing miracle that she had been waiting for during twelve years! But Jesus had more for her. He stopped the multitude, asking who had touched Him. Trembling, she came, fell before Him (verse 47), and explained what had happened. She was now clean, but Jesus did more than just heal her. He publicly reinstated her to society. And there was yet another surprise! “He said to her, ‘Daughter’” (verse 8). *Daughter!* This is the *only* story, in all four Gospels, where Jesus addresses a woman directly as His daughter. She was the daughter of Jesus! She was no longer destitute. She had a Father! And you and I are also His children. (1 John 3:1). He has done everything that was necessary to save us!

Talbot, Elizabeth *Jesus Wins!*, p. 29.