The Chaos of Ministry

Luke 8:40–56

Sermon Study Notes

I. A Distracted and Desperate Father

Our most desperate moments often become our most distracted moments.

II. A Diseased and Destitute Woman

In a sea of a million hands, Jesus will see the one that's raised in faith.

III. A Dead Child and Her Distraught Parents

Jesus always has a word to still our fears.
Jesus always has a word to secure our future.
God doesn't have favorites, but He does have intimates.

IV. The Deliverance of Christ and the Defeat of the Curse.

The Messiah's Model for Ministry

Jesus responds to intentional chaos with purpose.
Takeaway: Plans and priorities come from people and problems.
Ministry is often spiritual triage.

Jesus responds to incidental chaos with power.
Takeaway: Live in such a way that your passing brings "virtue."

Jesus responds to interrupting chaos with patience.
There's teaching in His timing.
There's purpose in His pause.
There's determination in His delay.
Takeaway: Your interruptions are always God's intentions.

Jesus responds to incredulous chaos with performance.
Takeaway: The opinions of others must not deter the performance of gospel duty.

Jesus responds to impossible chaos with prejudice.
Takeaway: The Word of Christ is the only thing that can make dead children live.
"Never be so sure of what you want that you wouldn't take something better." - *Chris Voss*
Whether your need is for yourself or for your family, run to Jesus.