

**Mar. 3 - Scripture:** Luke 8:26-56

*Verses that speak to you:*

<sup>39</sup>'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.'

<sup>48</sup>He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.'

<sup>56</sup>Her parents were astounded; but he ordered them to tell no one what had happened.

*Observation:* Jesus has performed three miracles, healing three people and gives each person a different instruction.

*Application:* Jesus, always the perfect example, is teaching us that we should always respond to the needs of others by meeting or trying to meet the need. It could be that he is also teaching us about different ways to do so and different ways for that help to be recognized. Sometimes we should proclaim God's power and love. Sometimes we should allow the action to speak for itself. Other times it should be done in complete privacy and possibly even secretly or anonymously. Each approach is visible to God, for his glory and each can be used to share the good news of Christ's love and sacrifice.

*Prayer:* Heavenly Father, The Serenity Prayer seems appropriate for this moment and we know the wisdom part comes from your Holy Spirit. Please help us by awakening us to that voice and strengthening us to respond, fearlessly, to its promptings. In Christ Jesus we pray, Amen.

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