

“A Rule for Sharing”
[Mark 5:21-43](#) and [2 Corinthians 8:15](#)

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“The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

It is Saturday night and Aunt Gertrude is tucking Elizabeth into bed. Elizabeth’s parents are over in Tanzania where her daddy is working on a village water system.

Aunt Gertrude looked around Elizabeth’s little bedroom and said “It was very kind of you to give up your big bedroom to me when I moved in with your family. Now that I am well again perhaps we can switch bedrooms and you can have your room back. Would you like that?”



“Oh yes!” said Elizabeth, a bit more enthusiastically than she meant to. You see, she really misses her old bedroom! Then she quickly added “But its fine being in here.”

She stood up on her bed and looked at her Aunt’s neck. “I’m glad you are all better and that your neck fatigue is cured.”

Earlier this evening, Elizabeth and Aunt Gertrude had gone to the Saturday evening service at Pastor Ed’s church. Did you know that Pastor Ed’s church ALSO has a Saturday night worship opportunity at 5:30pm, just like our church does with Pastor Brock!?

Elizabeth was thinking about the gospel lesson that she heard at Saturday Evening Worship, the one about the little girl who was so sick, and her father came to ask Jesus to come make her well. On his way to the little girl’s house there were crowds of people all around and Jesus took the time to stop and cure a sick woman. It all took so long that by the time he arrived at the little girl’s house, all the neighbors there were weeping and said the little girl had died. Jesus went in to where the girl was, held her hand and said “Little girl, get up.” And she got up! She was 12 years old and Jesus told her family to make her some supper to eat!

So, in her head, Elizabeth was thinking about how when Jesus lived here on earth, he performed miracles, but that doesn't seem to be how people are cured today. She thought about Aunt Gertrude's neck fatigue and how it was the **doctors** who transplanted the special growing thread from the scar on Barabas's face and how **that** is what made her well.

"I guess because Jesus is now in heaven, there are no more miracles when folks get sick." she said.
"I expect that you are incorrect." said Aunt Gertrude.

"Did Jesus make a miracle for you to get well? I thought it was the doctors and that special growing thread." said Elizabeth.

Aunt Gertrude explained that she believes that God uses doctors to perform miracles. "And of course it was Nurse Fran who noticed the special growing threads from Barabas's scar and connected that with my neck fatigue."

"So God must have told Barabas and Uncle Floyd to say "yes" to the transplant." Elizabeth figured as she laid back down in bed.

"It seems like this room is too little and my room is too much." mused Aunt Gertrude. "I have a plan!" she said as she wiggled her eyebrows up and down in a curious way! I wonder what her plan is!?

The rule for sharing works when you are talking about figuring out bedrooms and it works when you are talking about special growing thread operations! When we share, the one who has much does not have **too** much and the one who has little does not have **too** little! See, God DOES make miracles happen when we share!

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