

Mark 5:21-34 Faith Interrupted - Part 1 Rev. Dustin Largent

- **So far** – Lots of healings and teaching. Jesus taught from boat, went to other side, calmed storm, cast out demons into pigs, is asked to leave and does so.
- **All the sickness & possession shows condition of man resulting from fall.**
- **Read Mark 5:21-34**

²¹ When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake.

- They were waiting for him. Other boats say he was coming?
- ²² Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. ²³ He pleaded earnestly with him, “My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live.” ²⁴ So Jesus went with him.*

- Synagogue leader (Non-clergy) Care for & schedule. An elder. Not a Pharisee or scribe but obviously intricately tied to the religious establ. that hates Jesus.
- **So why would he come to Jesus and bow down before him?**

1. His religion can't fix the most devastating thing in His life.

- He has a 12 year old daughter. At 12, she has all the rights and obligations of Jewish adult, including the commandments.
- She could get married now. This is the light of Jairus' life.
- Luke 8:42 - Only daughter. You'd do anything to save your child.

2. He believes Jesus can. Enough to out himself as a believer in Jesus.

- “Please come put your hands on her.” – superstition. Touch not necessary.
- “Physical presence not necessary” – Centurian “Say the word”
- **Tons of people with needs, but Jesus drops everything to go with him.** Jesus isn't locked up in some Ivory Tower & is willing to go. Accessible.
 - Hard to balance people and needs. Some waiting others interrupting.
 - Think of the sense of relief Jairus must feel. She's as good as cured.
 - I have strong faith. I believe. No doubt. . . then

A large crowd followed and pressed around him. – There are tons of people clamoring to have Jesus heal them, to get a glimpse.

- To get to this dad's house we have to get through this crowd, but at least Jesus has decided to go there.

²⁵ And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. ²⁶ She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. ²⁷ When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ because she thought, “If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.” ²⁹ Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

- This poor dad has the love of life, his precious daughter's, in the balance, time is of the essence and other people are tugging at Jesus. Now Jesus stops and this poor dad's faith is tested.
- You can feel this dad's heart sink. Panic.

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- hemorrhaging bleeding started 12 years ago, when little girl was born.

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- That been your experience with medical care. They treat you, you get worse and they still take all your money. Why when I fell off the roof I was nervous about going to the ER. Yes, I might walk, but I'll be broke!
- **Talmud treatments.** Carry the ashes of an ostrich egg in a linen bag in the summer, and to carry ashes of an ostrich egg in a cotton bag in the winter. Or carry a barley corn found in donkey dug, or drink wine with alum and crocuses, or wine with onions. These are just the religious treatments. No wonder!!!

²⁷ When she heard about Jesus, - Notice healing results from action taken because she heard. Someone talked.

she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ because she thought, “If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.”

- **She thinks she can be healed by Jesus without Him knowing.**

- I want what Jesus offers but I don't want to interact with him and be embarrassed. Don't want people to know my story.

³⁰ At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, “Who touched my clothes?”

- This is interesting. It says **Jesus realized power went out from him.**
- **Jesus healing is always personal and felt by Jesus.** So is his salvation and redemption. It's personal. Not a blanket system. Jesus saves you and thought about it and knows it. Righteousness is from Him and imputed into you.
- Jesus is not detached from you.
- **Notice Jesus could have displayed his power any way He wanted but choose to demonstrate it by deliver people from the sufferings of life due to sin.**
- Jairus was important guy. Synagogue leader. Much different than this women.
- Woman VS. Jairus
 - **Man,** She's a woman. **respected,** she's an outcast. **religious leader,** She can't even go in synagogue; **He has many friends,** can't go near her own family; **His joy began 12 years ago,** her trouble start then. **He's likely well to do,** she has no money left because of her affliction. **He comes publicly,** She tries to be anonymous. **Believes Jesus must touch his daughter,** She believes she must touch Jesus.

³¹ “You see the people crowding against you,” his disciples answered, “and yet you can ask, ‘Who touched me?’”

- She's thinking, “Oh No! He knows!” Only her and Jesus know.

³² But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. ³³ Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. ³⁴ He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.”

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- Why require her to fess up. Embarrassing? He wants her to be saved. She needs to be honest and tell the truth about herself. Confession.
- Personal encounter with Jesus for real conversion.
- Proof of salvation. He calls her daughter and she goes in “peace”. Peace with God. Peace in her body.
- I'm gonna close but remember poor Jairus? His faith is being tested as he waits.