

*Come, Let's Journey Together, Living Life, Loving Jesus*

**Mark 5: 21-43    Jesus Heals in Response to Faith**

<sup>21</sup> Jesus got into the boat again and went back to the other side of the lake, where a large crowd gathered around him on the shore. <sup>22</sup> Then a leader of the local synagogue, whose name was Jairus, arrived. When he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet, <sup>23</sup> pleading fervently with him. “My little daughter is dying,” he said. “Please come and lay your hands on her; heal her so she can live.”

<sup>24</sup> Jesus went with him, and all the people followed, crowding around him. <sup>25</sup> A woman in the crowd had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding. <sup>26</sup> She had suffered a great deal from many doctors, and over the years she had spent everything she had to pay them, but she had gotten no better. In fact, she had gotten worse. <sup>27</sup> She had heard about Jesus, so she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his robe. <sup>28</sup> For she thought to herself, “If I can just touch his robe, I will be healed.” <sup>29</sup> Immediately the bleeding stopped, and she could feel in her body that she had been healed of her terrible condition. <sup>30</sup> Jesus realized at once that healing power had gone out from him, so he turned around in the crowd and asked, “Who touched my robe?”

<sup>31</sup> His disciples said to him, “Look at this crowd pressing around you. How can you ask, ‘Who touched me?’” <sup>32</sup> But he kept on looking around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup> Then the frightened woman, trembling at the realization of what had happened to her, came and fell to her knees in front of him and told him what she had done. <sup>34</sup> And he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace. Your suffering is over.”

<sup>35</sup> While he was still speaking to her, messengers arrived from the home of Jairus, the leader of the synagogue. They told him, “Your daughter is dead. There’s no use troubling the Teacher now.” <sup>36</sup> But Jesus overheard<sup>[a]</sup> them and said to Jairus, “Don’t be afraid. Just have faith.”

<sup>37</sup> Then Jesus stopped the crowd and wouldn’t let anyone go with him except Peter, James, and John (the brother of James). <sup>38</sup> When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw much commotion and weeping and wailing. <sup>39</sup> He went inside and asked, “Why all this commotion and weeping? The child isn’t dead; she’s only asleep.” <sup>40</sup> The crowd laughed at him. But he made them all leave, and he took the girl’s father and mother and his three disciples into the room where the girl was lying. <sup>41</sup> Holding her hand, he said to her, “*Talitha koum*,” which means “Little girl, get up!” <sup>42</sup> And the girl, who was twelve years old, immediately stood up and walked around! They were overwhelmed and totally amazed. <sup>43</sup> Jesus gave them strict orders not to tell anyone what had happened, and then he told them to give her something to eat.

Why don’t we take Jesus at his word? In our scripture we saw a couple of instances where people laughed at what Jesus said. When Jesus asked, “Who touched my clothes?” his disciples, in effect, laughed at his question. How could they possibly answer Jesus with a crowd this big? Of course, people were touching him. The disciples were about to learn to take Jesus at his word. Later, at Jairus’ house, when Jesus said his daughter was not dead but just sleeping, the people

laughed at him. They knew what “dead” looked like, and it isn’t “just sleeping.”

But they were all about to learn a lesson in taking Jesus at his word.

Of course, it can be difficult to admit our need because we’re too invested in having it all together... or at least in looking like we do... to admit that we need help. That, of course, is a hindrance to taking Jesus at his word. If we don’t, or can’t, admit our need, then we won’t seek his help. In effect, what we are saying is, “What will people think if I can’t even solve my own problems?” Lord, help my unbelief!

Another hindrance to taking Jesus at his word is this: Our modern age, and our up-to-date medicines and qualified doctors and teachers, and answers available to us through the internet and other sources... all these sometimes seem to make seeking help from Jesus unnecessary and irrelevant. Do we realize how arrogant that is? Do we really think we can put our resources and our intellect up against God of the universe, and come out ahead?

Of course, we should seek help from available resources, but we should also seek God’s help, and we should take Jesus at his word.

If we want to take Jesus at his word, there is a wealth of things to consider:

- “Let not your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid” (John 14:27).
- “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled” (Matthew 5:6).
- “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them” (Matthew 11:4-5).
- “Truly, I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise” (Luke 23:43).
- “He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more ...” (Revelation 21:4).

This list could go on. But the abiding truth in all of this is that Jesus’ word is true and life changing. Listen to him!

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