

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

JULY 6TH, 2025 // GOSPEL OF MARK

COME AND LAY HANDS (MARK 5:21–24) RETURNING TO BASE

Jesus and his disciples had left the Gentile region to the east of the Sea of Galilee, as the crowds had requested, and returned to the Jewish side, possibly back to Capernaum.

- We see the contrasting views of Jesus. On one shore, the groups **begged Him to leave**, wanting nothing to do with Him. On the other shore, there were **large crowds gathered to greet Him**.

“ONE OF THE SYNAGOGUE LEADERS”

Jairus, who was a leader in the synagogue, worked his way through the crowd to Jesus and fell at His feet.

- Jairus was not a priest in the synagogue but would have been responsible for supervising the building and planning the services. Even in his high spiritual position, we see **his humility in bowing and begging**.

CONFIDENCE IN CHRIST

Jairus's daughter was home and was dying, so he begged Jesus to come and “**lay [His] hands on her so that she [could] get well and live.**”

- We see his desperation but also how precious his daughter was to him, referring to his 12-year-old as his “little daughter.” **He had great confidence that Jesus had the power to heal his daughter.**

IMPERFECT FAITH MEETS THE PERFECT WILL OF GOD

Jairus incorrectly **assumed that Jesus had to be present to heal his daughter**. Luke speaks of a Roman Centurion (Luke 7:1–10) who had a faith so great that Jesus healed his servant from a distance.

- Jairus had **put Jesus in a box with His thinking**. Though he **did not have the faith of the Centurion**, Jesus went with him.

THE HEM OF HIS GARMENT (MARK 5:25–34) ANOTHER OUTCAST

While Jairus, Jesus, and the crowd were making their way to Jairus's daughter, a woman who had suffered bleeding for 12 years worked her way through the crowd to Jesus, **believing even the slightest touch would make her well**.

- Her condition would have caused **exhaustion, pain**, and **exile** because she would have been viewed as unclean (Leviticus 15:25–30).

NO CONDEMNATION IN CHRIST

The woman had **tried everything to be made well** and nothing helped. In fact, she had spent all she had (Luke 8:43) and **only became worse**.

- The woman was not condemned for trying everything else before coming to Christ but, instead, was **recognized for her faith in Christ** and for **coming to Him when the opportunity presented itself**.

COME AS YOU ARE

Because of her condition, she would not have been allowed to come to Jesus and touch him, making Him unclean. She would not have been allowed to be in the crowd. So, **she came to Jesus the only way she could—secretly**.

- We are to **come to Christ as we are**. When we come to Him and lay our sin upon Him, it does not make Him a sinner. **It makes us clean**.

MINORS, NOT MAJORS

By simply touching the hem of his garment, the woman was healed. Jesus “**realized that power had gone out from Him,**” then turned and asked, “**Who touched my clothes?**”

- This passage brings up questions we cannot answer with any certainty. What does it mean that Jesus felt power leave Him? Did Jesus not know who touched Him?

UNDERSTANDING WHAT HE IS ASKING

The disciples were perplexed at the question. There were people all around, pressing in and bumping into Jesus. Jesus was not asking **who had casual contact with Him** but **who had reached out in faith to touch Him**.

- There is a huge **difference between us having casual contact with Jesus**, “bumping into Him” sometimes, and us **reaching out to Him in faith**.

A GREAT ENCOURAGEMENT

Jesus called the woman out to encourage her and others, especially Jairus.

- Jesus called her “**daughter,**” using the same word that Jairus used for his “little daughter.” This would have been **an indicator of Jesus' deep love and affection for the woman and for Jairus's daughter**.

“YOUR FAITH HAS SAVED YOU”

Jesus wanted everyone to know that she had been healed and that the Lord of the Sabbath was also the Lord of cleansing.

- Jesus wanted her to know **it was her faith in Him that healed her**, not His clothing. This shows that the miraculous healing was given to her. **She received it by faith and did not take it from Jesus**.

WHO THE SON SETS FREE IS FREE INDEED

Jesus called her out so she would know without doubt that she had been healed. Just like anybody else, if Jesus did not acknowledge her, she would have left and started to **doubt if she was really healed**.

- Jesus told the woman to “**Go in peace and be healed from your affliction.**” If we have been set free by Jesus, we need not doubt (John 8:36).

ASLEEP (MARK 5:35–43)

A “NO MATTER WHAT” TYPE OF FAITH

Jesus is interrupted by individuals from Jairus's house to inform him that his daughter had died.

- We do not know how Jairus reacted, but we know Jesus comforted and encouraged him, telling him, “**Don't be afraid. Only believe.**” The Greek words used signify that Jesus was telling him to **have continued faith and not just one single act of faith**.

“HE PUT THEM ALL OUTSIDE”

Jesus took His inner circle—Peter, John, and James—to see Jairus's daughter.

- There were professional mourners who laughed at Jesus. He told them **the girl was only asleep**. Their unbelief was displayed through their laughing at Jesus, so He made them leave. **It was their unbelief that kept them from seeing**.

“TALITHA KOUUM”

Jesus took the girl by the hand and spoke as if she was alive, saying, “Little girl, I say to you, get up,” and she got up and began to walk.

- God is the one who “**gives life to the dead and calls things into existence that do not exist**” (Romans 4:17). With this miracle, Jesus proved that **He is God**. Jesus has shown his **authority over disease, demons**, and now **death**.

LET NOTHING STAND IN THE WAY

- Jairus was willing to be undignified, and the woman was willing to risk embarrassment. But they both came to Jesus.
- If the risk of being undignified or embarrassed is keeping us from coming to God, then **pride may be our god**.
- Are we more **in love with ourselves and our images** than we are **in love with Jesus**?

JAIRUS'S EXAMPLE

- Jairus worked his way through the crowd to Jesus. Are there **things between us and Jesus** that we have to navigate?
- **What is stopping us** from putting ourselves in the presence of Jesus?
- Jairus was willing to be undignified as he fell at Jesus' feet. Are we willing to **humble ourselves before Jesus**?
- Jairus made his request known and begged Jesus earnestly. Do we **earnestly take our requests to Jesus**? Do we think we can manipulate Jesus into action or **is our begging born out of desperation**?
- Do we have **total confidence in the power and goodness of Jesus** (“lay **Your** hands on her so that she can get well and live”)?

THE WOMAN'S EXAMPLE

- Jesus knows our greatest affliction and offers us the remedy. We must seek “treatment” from the Great Physician by **confessing** everything to Him. We receive the remedy (“forgiveness of sin”) through **repentance**.
- It would not make sense to receive medicine for an ailment and ignore the doctor's orders, so **we must obey the Great Physician's orders**.