

## THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

JULY 6TH, 2025 // GOSPEL OF MARK

### A BROKEN HEART (MARK 5:21–24) TO THE OTHER SIDE

Jesus and His disciples returned to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, probably to Capernaum. This was a familiar area and, as before, a large crowd surrounded Him while He was still close to the shore.

- It is worth noting that the last crowd we saw was happy to see Him go and this crowd was desperate to see Him return.
- **Two will stand out above the crowd.**

### ONE OF THE SYNAGOGUE LEADERS

Jairus was a leader in the synagogue. We remember that the *religious* leaders did not recognize Jesus as the Messiah and actually made plans to have Him killed.

- Jairus did not let his coworkers keep him from Jesus. He would rather lose his friends and save his daughter.
- **Many wait until they are desperate to come to Jesus. Jesus receives us when we seek Him. How often do we seek Him?**

### HE FELL AT HIS FEET

In front of everyone, Jairus humbly fell at the feet of Jesus and begged Him to heal his dying daughter. In Matthew's account (9:18), the girl had already died. Her sickness was terminal; there was no hope of her recovering.

- In hope and faith, Jairus believed that Jesus could make her well and live again.
- Jesus went with him and so did the crowd.
- **Many came for the show; Jairus came for the Savior. Why are we here?**

### A LAST HOPE (MARK 5:25–34)

#### A SUFFERING WOMAN

The crowd pressed against Jesus, and Jairus was probably trying to clear the way when an unnamed woman joined the crowd.

- Her condition made her ritually unclean and financially bankrupt. She was seeking relief as the problem only became worse.
- **Rejected by the church, made an outcast by society, and bankrupted by the culture, she had one last hope.**

### IF I JUST TOUCH HIS CLOTHES...

She had heard about Jesus' healing power and, in faith, began to tell herself that just touching His clothes would be enough to be healed and she could slip away unnoticed.

- It is worth considering what else may have been on her mind. Did she feel unworthy? Did she see Jairus? Was she embarrassed?
- **Whatever is keeping us from Jesus is smaller than our need to be with Jesus.**

### INSTANTLY SHE WAS HEALED

It worked! She covertly came up behind Jesus and touched His clothes. She knew she was healed instantly. But she did not go unnoticed.

- Her goal was to slip back into the crowd without any fanfare. She was healed, but it would take time to reestablish her position in the community.
- **Are we ready for what Jesus is about to do? He does not always wait for everything to "fall into place" before He sends us out.**

### WHO TOUCHED MY CLOTHES?

Jesus knew who had touched Him. He knew He would heal this woman on that day, on that road, in that instant. His question was an opportunity for her to share her faith with the entire crowd that had rejected her until that day.

- The disciples thought it was an absurd question because the crowd was pressing against Him.
- **Jesus has always been able to distinguish between humble faith that reaches out and pride that only brushes the edge of who He is.**

### DAUGHTER, YOUR FAITH HAS SAVED YOU

With fear and trembling, the woman told Jesus the whole truth. Jesus already knew it; this was her chance to tell the crowd her testimony.

- She had been a living "dead" person for 12 years. Now the crowd (and Jairus) could see her as a friend of Jesus, complete and permanently healed.
- **Jesus heals us to be known as people of faith. Our past is a testimony of what Jesus has done for us, to us, and in us—not who we still are.**

### RESTORED (MARK 5:35–43)

#### WHY BOTHER THE TEACHER ANYMORE?

During the encounter with the woman, Jairus waited. Before Jesus could finish speaking, people came and told (or reminded) Jairus that his daughter was dead.

- They did not understand faith. Jairus had come in faith and had just seen the relationship between faith and Jesus' power. Now, his faith would be affirmed.

### DON'T BE AFRAID. ONLY BELIEVE.

The crowd came with a message of death. Jesus did not respond to the crowd, only the father: "Don't be afraid. Only believe."

- That crowd is still around today, telling us that God does not exist or, at least, does not care about us.
- **We can hear the crowd. We need to focus on what Jesus is saying. Who is giving us hope? Who will we believe?**

### PEOPLE WEeping AND WAILING

As Jesus and His closest disciples got to Jairus's house, they saw a commotion. Jesus called them out, not because they were mourning but because of their unbelief.

- Their insincerity and unbelief was revealed in their laughter at Jesus' words.
- **They did not believe Jesus because they were the professionals. Jesus sent their show outside because they were not ready to see His power over life and death.**

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In a room full of faith, Jesus took the child's hand and gently said, "Little girl, I say to you, get up."

- The 12-year-old girl got up, healed of her sickness, and walked around.
- It was a miracle, but Jesus still told them to give her food. Miracles do not replace common sense human care; otherwise we are tempting God.
- **Miracles do not come because of a set process or crafty words. Miracles reveal who Christ is. The greatest miracle is salvation, and it reveals Christ more than any other miracle.**

### RESCUE

- It seems that everyone is trying to get away from something.
- **We definitely need to lay down some bad habits and avoid some influences.**
- **Those are not the things we seek to be rescued from. We want to be healed from sickness, delivered from enemies, and protected from danger.**

### PROXIMITY

- We know we need to be close to Jesus.
- **Just how close do we need to be for this whole rescue thing to work?**
- **That is the problem! We think that being close to Him is the same as being WITH Him. Being near Him and His followers is not the same as talking to Him, touching His robe, holding His hand, and KNOWING Him. We need real faith.**

### FAITH

- Faith draws us to Jesus and allows us to see how His actions have rescued us.
- **Living as a Believer is THE grace miracle that He gives every follower! Everything else is mercy.**
- **We may not be rescued from every danger or healed from every affliction in this life, but we know that He has the ultimate authority and we do not need to live in fear. What are we afraid of? Will we have the faith to follow Him as He tells us to "get up"?**