



new life fellowship

Sermon Title: Faith that Gets Jesus's Attention

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Scriptures: Mark 5:21-43

Jesus Raises a Dead Girl and Heals a Sick Woman

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. 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.

A large crowd followed and pressed around him. 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.

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

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

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.”

35 While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. “Your daughter is dead,” they said. “Why bother the teacher anymore?”

36 Overhearing[a] what they said, Jesus told him, “Don’t be afraid; just believe.”

37 He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. 38 When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. 39 He went in and said to them, “Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep.” 40 But they laughed at him.

After he put them all out, he took the child’s father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. 41 He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha kum!” (which means “Little girl, I say to you, get up!”). 42 Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. 43 He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Sermon Summary:

This Sunday, as we continue through the Gospel of Mark, we’ll step into a moving, multilayered story of desperation, hope, and faith. Two people come to Jesus in urgent need, and their stories reveal the kind of faith that stops Him in His tracks. Join us as we explore what it means to have a faith that truly gets Jesus’s attention

Sermon Questions:

1. Consider having someone in the group slowly read the passage out loud. Imagine yourself watching the story play out in front of you. What do you see, hear and notice around you? What do you think the different characters were feeling and experiencing? Afterward, share what stood out as you took it all in.
2. Both Jairus and the woman with the issue of blood were experiencing desperate situations. Share about a time of desperation in your life.
3. Pastor Rich shared that we may relate to the questions the characters in the story may have been asking: “Will God show up in the place of my greatest need?” and “Will God receive me if I reach out to him?” Which of the two questions is most relevant to you right now and why?
4. Through the sermon we were given three invitations to consider:
 - We can come to Jesus at any time
 - God’s power is not limited by competing needs
 - What’s impossible for us is possible with Jesus
 - ❖ Which of these invitations most encourages or challenges you right now and why?