

## Mark 5: 21- 43 – Touched by Jesus

### *Jesus Heals a Woman and Jairus's Daughter*

**Mar 5:21-23** *Now when Jesus had crossed over again by boat to the other side, a great multitude gathered to Him; and He was by the sea. And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him, he fell at His feet and begged Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter lies at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live."*

Back on the western shore of blue Galilee, the Lord Jesus was soon in the center of a great multitude. A frenzied father came running up to Him. It was Jairus, one of the rulers of the synagogue. His little daughter was dying. Would Jesus please go and lay His hands on her so that she might be healed? – Believers Bible Commentary

Jairus by name.

A proper prayer

Better prayers, perhaps, had been offered. He would have shown more faith if he had prayed like the centurion (Luk\_7:7). But, though he does not show such strong faith, yet it is a good prayer. For it is

(1) humble: he falls at Christ's feet;

(2) believing: he feels Christ is omnipotent to heal;

(3) bold: he offers it in face of all the people, many of whom would be shocked that a ruler of the synagogue should acknowledge Jesus;

(4) loving, springing from a pure affection. Distress is a great schoolmaster. It teaches men many things; among the rest the greatest of all attainments—the power to pray. (R. Glover.) – Biblical Illustrator

**Mar 5:24** *So Jesus went with him, and a great multitude followed Him and thronged Him.*

The Lord responded and started for the home. A crowd followed, thronging Him. It is interesting that immediately following the statement of the crowd's thronging Him, we have an account of faith touching Him for healing.

**Mar 5:25-29** *Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment. For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well." Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction.*

A distracted woman intercepted Jesus on the way to Jairus' home. Our Lord was neither annoyed nor ruffled by this seeming interruption. How do we react to interruptions?

I think I find most help in trying to look on all interruptions and hindrances to work that one has planned out for oneself as discipline, trials sent by God to help one against getting selfish over one's work. ... It is not waste of time, as one is tempted to think, it is the most important part of the work of the day—the part one can best offer to God. (Choice Gleanings Calendar)

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This woman had suffered with chronic bleeding for twelve years. The many physicians she went to had apparently used some drastic forms of treatment, drained her finances, and left her worse rather than better. When hope of recovery was all but gone, someone told her about Jesus. She lost no time in finding Him. Easing her way through the crowd, she touched the border of His garment. Immediately the bleeding stopped and she felt completely well.

***Mar 5:30 And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?"***

Her plan was to slip away quietly, but the Lord would not let her miss the blessing of publicly acknowledging her Savior. He had been aware of an outflow of divine power when she touched Him; it cost Him something to heal her. So He asked, "Who touched My clothes?" He knew the answer, but asked in order to bring her forward in the crowd. – Believers Bible Commentary

***Mar 5:31 But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?' "***

His disciples thought the question was silly. Many people were jostling Him continually. Why ask "Who touched Me?" But there is a difference between the touch of physical nearness, and the touch of desperate faith. It is possible to be ever so near Him without trusting Him, but impossible to touch Him by faith without His knowing it and without being healed. – Believers Bible Commentary

**So, How about you? How is your relationship with the Lord? Have you encountered the power of Lord or are part of the crowd pressing in without being changed and healed?**

***Mar 5:32-34 And He looked around to see her who had done this thing. But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."***

She had been in this condition for twelve years. Did you notice that the little girl was twelve years old? Twelve years of suffering coming to an end and twelve years of light entering into darkness, the darkness of death. The father who had come, when he saw our Lord talking to this woman and dealing with her, I'm sure thought, Oh, why doesn't He hurry? Doesn't He know that my little girl is so sick at home that she'll die unless He moves? Our Lord purposely did not move. He healed this woman, and while He is dealing with her one comes with a message, which is whispered to the father. – McGee

The woman came forward, fearing and trembling; she fell down before Him and made her first public confession of Jesus. Then He spoke words of assurance to her soul. Open confession of Christ is of tremendous importance. Without it there can be little growth in the Christian life. As we take our stand boldly for Him, He floods our souls with full assurance of faith. The words of the Lord Jesus not only confirmed her physical healing, but also no doubt included the great blessing of soul salvation as well.

***Mar 5:35-37 While He was still speaking, some came from the ruler of the synagogue's house who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not be afraid; only believe." And He permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James.***

Jairus was a good man. His light was small, but real. It was feeble, but from heaven.

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He had much to try his faith. One seems to see all the father in the tenderness of his words. Hope was over, his daughter was dead. Thus is it with the believer. Instead of the relief he hoped for, all seems as death. Thus does the Lord try the faith He gives. Thus by causing us to wait for the blessing does He endear it.

The effect of this trial of faith. He did not distrust the power or willingness of the compassionate Saviour. His faith takes no denial, he still continues with Jesus. Faith hopes against hope. True faith partakes of his nature who exercises it, therefore in all, it is weak at times. But it partakes also of His nature who gives it, and therefore evinces its strength in the very midst of that weakness. – Biblical Illustrator

So many of us fail this test. Things don't go as planned, the prayers aren't answered as we wanted, and we sometimes turn the other way, but not Jairus. He continued with Jesus. Do you have hope that endures?

***Mar 5:38 Then He came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and saw a tumult and those who wept and wailed loudly.***

By this time, messengers had arrived with the news that Jairus' daughter had died. There was no need to bring the Teacher. The Lord graciously reassured Jairus, then took Peter, James, and John to the house. They were met by the unrestrained weeping characteristic of eastern homes in times of sorrow, some of it done by hired mourners.

**Notice they are overcome by grief so much that it affects their faith. Have you ever been there?**

***Mar 5:39-42 When He came in, He said to them, "Why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him. But when He had put them all outside, He took the father and the mother of the child, and those who were with Him, and entered where the child was lying. Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, "Talitha, cumi," which is translated, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years of age. And they were overcome with great amazement.***

When Jesus assured them that the child was not dead but sleeping, their tears turned to scorn. Undaunted, He took the immediate family to the motionless child, and taking her by the hand, said in Aramaic, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." Immediately the twelve-year-old girl got up and walked. The relatives were stunned, and doubtless delirious with joy. – Believers Bible Commentary

**Notice Jesus did not need the faith of the crowd to do the miracle, but he only needed the faith of the father. All the nay-sayers and the scorners were not let in. Do you let the crowd influence your faith?**

"Talitha cumi" was an expression of the Aramaic that the little girl would have understood. It was her native tongue and I think it could be translated "Little lamb, wake up!" That's what he said to her and that is a sweet, lovely thing. We find that our Lord raised a little girl, He raised a man in the vigor of young manhood (the widow's son at Nain), and then probably a mature man or even a senior citizen, Lazarus. He raised them all the same way. He spoke to them! – McGee

The scorners are without; but believing Jairus and the believing mother ([Mar 5:40](#)) are admitted. They see the mighty power of God put forth on behalf of their daughter. What an encouragement here to

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some anxious parent to put the case of their dear child in the hands of that same Jesus. How often has domestic affliction been the means of bringing the soul to the feet of Jesus. Mark the extreme tenderness of Jesus, "Fear not, only believe." Be not afraid convicted sinner. My blood is sufficient, My grace and love are sufficient. (*J. H. Evans, M. A.*) – Biblical Illustrator

***Mar 5:43 But He commanded them strictly that no one should know it, and said that something should be given her to eat.***

Isn't that practical? If a twelve-year-old girl, or boy for that matter, were waked up from sleep and were made well, what would they want? Food, of course. So, He told them to feed the little one. How practical this is and how wonderful it is.

These are the three great miracles that to my judgment demonstrate the great message of the Gospel of Mark. He is God's Servant with God's power. He is a Man of action and He has come not to be ministered unto but to minister and to give His life a ransom for many. Here we see Him in this chapter doing three wonderful miracles. He casts out demons from the man in Gadara. He heals the woman with an issue of blood. He raises this little twelve-year-old daughter of Jairus. - McGee