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Mark 5:21-43 (NASB)

A Father's Plea

²¹ When Jesus had crossed over again in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered around Him; and so He stayed by the seashore. ²² One of the synagogue officials named Jairus came up, and on seeing Him, fell at His feet ²³ and implored Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death; please come and lay Your hands on her, so that she will get well and live."

A Woman's Desperation

²⁴ And He went off with him; and a large crowd was following Him and pressing in on Him. ²⁵ A woman who had had a hemorrhage for twelve years, ²⁶ and had endured much at the hands of many physicians, and had spent all that she had and was not helped at all, but rather had grown worse — ²⁷ after hearing about Jesus, she came up in the crowd behind Him and touched His cloak. ²⁸ For she thought, "If I just touch His garments, I will get well." ²⁹ Immediately the flow of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction. ³⁰ Immediately Jesus, perceiving in Himself that the power proceeding from Him had gone forth, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My garments?" ³¹ And His disciples said to Him, "You see the crowd pressing in on You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?' " ³² And He looked around to see the woman who had done this. ³³ But the woman fearing and trembling, aware of what had happened to her, came

and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. ³⁴ And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed of your affliction."

A Child's Resurrection

³⁵ While He was still speaking, they came from the house of the synagogue official, saying, "Your daughter has died; why trouble the Teacher anymore?" ³⁶ But Jesus, overhearing what was being spoken, said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid any longer, only believe." ³⁷ And He allowed no one to accompany Him, except Peter and James and John the brother of James. ³⁸ They came to the house of the synagogue official; and He saw a commotion, and people loudly weeping and wailing. ³⁹ And entering in, He said to them, "Why make a commotion and weep? The child has not died, but is asleep." ⁴⁰ They began laughing at Him. But putting them all out, He took along the child's father and mother and His own companions, and entered the room where the child was. ⁴¹ Taking the child by the hand, He said to her, "Talitha kum!" (which translated means, "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). ⁴² Immediately the girl got up and began to walk, for she was twelve years old. And immediately they were completely astounded. ⁴³ And He gave them strict orders that no one should know about this, and He said that something should be given her to eat.

Reflection Questions
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1. Jairus came to Jesus and fell at His feet. What does this say about Jairus? Can you think of a modern-day example of someone falling at someone else's feet?
2. Jairus seemed to be quite desperate and passionate as he came to Jesus. Have you ever been in a similar frame-of-mind as Jairus regarding the well-being of a loved one? If so, how did you approach Jesus?
3. The woman with the 12 year hemorrhage had exhausted all her resources trying to get well. She was at the end of her rope. Have you ever felt like that? If so, how did you respond? In what ways was Jesus involved?
4. The woman secretly touched Jesus hoping for healing. Jesus knew what had happened and confronted the woman. What might this tell us about the character of Jesus? Why do you think Jesus drew the woman into the public eye? How do you think you would have responded if you were the woman?
5. Jesus arrived at Jairus' home only to find that his daughter had died. Jesus' words to Jairus are, "Do not be afraid any longer, only believe." What situations cause you fear? In what ways have you overcome fear through belief in Jesus?
6. Jesus included just the parents and the inner group of disciples as he resurrected Jairus' daughter. In what ways might this be significant?
7. As Jairus' daughter is raised to life, those around are *astounded*. When was the last time that you were truly astounded by Jesus? How did you respond?

Additional Notes and Doodles