

At Wits End? Turn To Jesus!
Mark 5: 21-34

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The people of Gergesa
begged Jesus to go away.
So he sailed back.

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6 miles (10 km)

PIGS DON'T WALK ON WATER

"Jesus told the demons, 'Leave.' So they left the men and went into the pigs. That's when the entire herd rushed down the steep bank and into the Sea of Galilee, where they drowned." Matthew 8:32

Verse 21

Jesus returns to a welcoming crowd

Jesus just left a place where He was not welcomed

The people were waiting for Jesus, the multitudes greeted Him

Some want to hear His teaching, but most want to see more miracles, more healings, *the show!!*

Verse 22 - 24

A Dad's plea

Feel the passion: *“My little daughter lies at the point of death”*

Jairus was desperate – *Jairus needed a miracle!*

Jairus was a dad pleading for the life of his child

Jairus believed; Jairus had faith, the faith that Jesus could do anything, the impossible

The multitude picked up on the URGENCY – *“a great multitude followed Him and thronged Him.”*



Jairus had faith to ask Jesus

Without faith it is impossible to please God – Hebrews 11:6

Many today believe we control God by faith

NO – we approach God with faith that He will do what is best

FACT: Not everyone is healed here – you know that and I know that

Paul had the gift of healing, yet 3 friends were not healed
(Trophimus, Epaphroditus, and Timothy)

FACT: Healing is always according to the will of God

FACT: All believers will be healed one day, never again to suffer
We know this is true; *this we rest in!*

Verse 25 - 26

An unexpected interruption

She sought many doctors, had many treatments, to no avail

Can you say *FRUSTRATING*!

She was at “*wits end*”!

Wits end = to be extremely worried, frustrated, out of ideas,
and does not know what to do next

Verse 27 - 29

Run to Jesus

Nothing was going to stop her from getting to Jesus, no person, crowd, or protective disciples

We need that attitude folks! *Let nothing keep you from Jesus!*

She would meet Jesus in an unusual way – *she TOUCHED Him!*

The woman touched the “*tzitzit*”, the fringes of the tallit, Jesus’ prayer shawl



Think of how she must have felt!
Relief after 12 years of misery! From hopeless to healed!

Verse 30 - 32
Who touched Me?

Immediately Jesus noticed
“that power had gone out from Him”

Many touched Jesus for want;
only one touched Jesus with faith
that Messiah could change her life



God's greatness and God's goodness – How should we understand these as compatible?

- **Transcendence** = “a quality of being superior in every way”
 - wholly other – this is the idea of holy.
- **Immanence** = “closeness, nearness, involvement”

God is **NOT** far from each one of us

“so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; for in Him we live and move and have our being”
Acts 17:27-28a

"Immanence" refers to the attribute of God being present, accessible, and intimately involved within the physical universe and human history, rather than distant

Verse 33 - 34

Closing: At wits end, turn to Jesus

She “. *fell down before Him*”

“Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace and be healed of your affliction.”

Peace = “*shalom*” = wholeness, completeness, harmony, well-being

Lesson #1 – Jesus took time to change His plan for one person God prepared for this moment

Lesson #2 – Don’t be someone who brushes up against Jesus and is unchanged

- Know God is at work getting your attention
- Pay attention, He loves you and is calling you

Lesson #3 – All glory to our sovereign God who knows the beginning from the end

KNOW – Our situation may not change

When we meet Jesus, we *change!*

With Him we can endure!

KNOW – Until He comes, allow Jesus to be your strength!

You are stronger than you think!

KNOW – You have Holy Spirit grit!

To stand like a bull in a blizzard through it all!

