

MIRACLES?

Miracles? Part2
Jesus Interrupted
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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is not to get through the questions, but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships.
Use the discussion questions as you see fit, but emphasize the relationships.

MARK 5:21-31

Jesus got into the boat again and went back to the other side of the lake, where a large crowd gathered around him on the shore. Then a leader of the local synagogue, whose name was Jairus, arrived. When he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet, pleading fervently with him. "My little daughter is dying," he said. "Please come and lay your hands on her; heal her so she can live."

Jesus went with him, and all the people followed, crowding around him. A woman in the crowd had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding. She had suffered a great deal from many doctors, and over the years she had spent everything she had to pay them, but she had gotten no better. In fact, she had gotten worse. She had heard about Jesus, so she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his robe. For she thought to herself, "If I can just touch his robe, I will be healed." Immediately the bleeding stopped, and she could feel in her body that she had been healed of her terrible condition.

Jesus realized at once that healing power had gone out from him, so he turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my robe?" His disciples said to him, "Look at this crowd pressing around you. How can you ask, 'Who touched me?'"

MARK 5:32-36

But he kept on looking around to see who had done it. Then the frightened woman, trembling at the realization of what had happened to her, came and fell to her knees in front of him and told him what she had done. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace. Your suffering is over."

While he was still speaking to her, messengers arrived from the home of Jairus, the leader of the synagogue. They told him, "Your daughter is dead. There's no use troubling the Teacher now." But Jesus overheard them and said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid. Just have faith."

MARK 5:37-39

³⁷ Then Jesus stopped the crowd and wouldn't let anyone go with him except Peter, James, and John (the brother of James). When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw much commotion and weeping and wailing. He went inside and asked, "Why all this commotion and weeping? The child isn't dead; she's only asleep."

MARK 5:40-42

The crowd laughed at him. But he made them all leave, and he took the girl's father and mother and his three disciples into the room where the girl was lying. Holding her hand, he said to her, "Talitha koum," which means "Little girl, get up!" And the girl, who was twelve years old, immediately stood up and walked around! They were overwhelmed and totally amazed.

Mark 9:23-24

"...Have mercy on us and help us, if you can."

"What do you mean, 'If I can'?" Jesus asked. "Anything is possible if a person believes." The father instantly cried out, "I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!"

MARK 6:5-6

*And because of their unbelief, he couldn't do any miracles among them except to place his hands on a few sick people and heal them. **And he was amazed at their unbelief.***

4 Ways She Positioned Herself for a Miracle

- 1. She prepared herself mentally and physically (Faith prepares)**

Mark 5:28

... For she thought to herself, "If I can just touch his robe, I will be healed."

2. She positioned herself in proximity

Mark 5:27

“She had heard about Jesus, so she came up behind him through the crowd. “

3. She pressed passed her fear

Mark 5:33

Then the frightened woman, trembling at the realization of what had happened to her, came and fell to her knees

4. She Reached out for the Living Word

Mark 6:56 (AMP)

And wherever He came into villages, or cities, or the countryside, they were laying the sick in the market places and pleading with Him [to allow them] just to touch the fringe (tassel with a blue cord) of His robe; and all who touched it were healed.

Jeremiah 33:6

Behold, I will bring health and healing, and I will heal them and reveal to them abundance of prosperity and security.

Isaiah 53:5

*But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, **and with his stripes we are healed.***

1 Peter 2:24

*He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. **By his wounds you have been healed.***

Psalm 103:2-4

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

James 5:14-15

Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the leaders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well.

Jeremiah 17:14

Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise.

Psalm 103:2-3

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

Acts 4:30

“And now, O Lord... Stretch out your hand with healing power; may miraculous signs and wonders be done through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

TALK IT THROUGH

The big idea for today is to answer the question, *How do I position myself for a miracle?*

1. Read together the Mark 5:21-42 passage. What are some of the ways the woman in this passage positioned herself for a miracle? (5:27,29, 33). How was this woman's touch different than that of the crowd's touch? (v.31-32)
2. In Mark 5:35-36 Jairus receives some bad news. How does Jesus urge him to respond (v. 36)? Is there a situation in your life right now, where you need to hold on to faith despite the news?
3. Pastor Dave said, “It's not lack of faith that is the greatest deterrent to a miracle, but unbelief.” (Mark 9:23-24, Mark 6:5-6) He added that “unbelief is an attitude of refusal that straight-arms Jesus.” Discuss the difference between a lack of faith for a miracle and unbelief. How do we lay aside unbelief and apprehend faith? How do we stir a waning faith?

4. The first point in this message is, **Faith Prepares**. What do you think about this phrase, "Preparation creates expectation"? Consider Noah who built an ark for 75+ years, and the farmer who prepares and sows a field in faith for a harvest. What are you preparing for now in your life in preparation for what you believe God will do?
5. Like the woman in the passage, and Peter (Matthew 14:25-31) we can press past the fear and "step out" anyway. *Do it afraid*. What would it look like in your situation to press through fear and reach out for the miracle?
6. Reaching for the tassels on the hem of Jesus' garment, was a cultural expression of taking hold of the Word of God. In her desperate state, in great faith, she reached for the truths and promises she knew from the Old Testament. Discuss as a group some verses (truths and promises) you can all lay hold of this week to stir faith and silence fear or unbelief.