

MIRACLES?

Miracles? Part3

Brave Faith

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MARK 5:21-35 NIV

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. Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. 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.” So Jesus went with him.

A large crowd followed and pressed around him. And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. 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. When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, because she thought, “If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.” Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

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

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

But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.”

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?”

TALK IT THROUGH

1. In our western culture there are so many options for us. We tend to go to what's natural, or normal, rather than going to Jesus first for healing. Do you find that true in your life? What do you tend to go to first?
2. Read Mark 5:21-35 together. The woman had "suffered a great deal" for 12 years. What do you think compelled her to try one more option – touching the hem of Jesus's garment? How easy would it have been for her to just give up hope?
3. The woman was unnamed, only identified by her "issue." What are some issues we can be known by today? Should we resist having our identities attached to these? If so, why and how do we do that?
4. What did the woman think to herself (v.28)? What are you thinking to yourself about the God who heals? How does your thinking impact your faith and your life?
5. Jesus wants to heal us wholly, not just physically. The woman faced her fears and came to him with the whole truth. Is it difficult for you to come to Jesus with the whole truth? How do you think He would respond? How did He respond to the woman?
6. The woman drew healing power from Him. Because of her faith, Jesus banished her old identity and gave her His. What did He call her and why is this so significant? What can we learn from it?
7. How can we grow in the area of faith for the impossible?

As a group, pray again this week for the miracles you're believing to see.