

The Gospel of Mark
Just Have Faith

Mark 5:21-43

Opener: What stood out to you or got you thinking from the message and the passage?

Read Mark 5:21-34

1. The woman had suffered from heavy bleeding that had consumed her life and all her finances for 12 years without any improvement. Is there any situation in your life that has been longstanding and without hope of improvement, barring a miracle from God? If so, what is it like for your faith to go through that experience?
2. Jesus commends this woman's faith and says it is the reason she has been healed. How would you define faith based on how the woman came to Jesus?
3. Jesus didn't consciously choose to heal the woman who touched him. What does this teach you about God and faith?

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4. The delay on the way to Jairus' house may have been the difference between Jesus arriving while she was still alive and her death. What does this teach us about living by faith?
5. Jesus assures Jairus, "not be afraid; just believe," upon receiving the news of her death. What fears are present when the facts make faith look foolish? While God's plans are often unknown to us, what can we always choose to believe in the moments where we are desperately asking God for a miracle?
6. Jesus tells the people wailing and mourning over the girl that she was sleeping and not dead. Why would he say that when she is clearly dead? How does God see our circumstances that may be different from our perspective?
7. Where do you sense Jesus telling you to "not be afraid; just believe" in your life right now?