

Faith and Humility - Week 25

Mark 5:21-36

Mark 5:21 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. 22 Then one of the synagogue rulers, named Jairus, came there. Seeing Jesus, he fell at his feet 23 and 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." 24 So Jesus went with him. A large crowd followed and pressed around him. 25 And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. 26 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. 27 When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, 28 because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." 29 Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering. 30 At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?" 31 "You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?'" 32 But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. 33 Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. 34 He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering." 35 While Jesus was still speaking, some men came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue ruler. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher any more?" 36 Ignoring what they said, Jesus told the synagogue ruler, "Don't be afraid; just believe."

The psalmist tells us we need to "**crave** Him with the whole heart."
Psalm 119:2 Amp

I. The **Interruption**

Whatever her issue was it made her an outcast. Not like a leper, but she was considered **untouchable**.

1. This woman was a **hurting** patient. She has suffered embarrassment, pain, disappointment and now **financial** ruin.
2. This was her **hour** of expectation. Her response was she **heard**, and she came.
3. She had **hope** and confidence. Her faith was not misplaced like the man at the pool.
 - Her faith was **solid**, and His power from above was **absolute**.
 - Today, many folks come and **brush up** against Jesus but go away unchanged.
 - She not only had faith but also had deep **feelings**.
 - Her feelings came after the healing. Many people today want feelings, yet **fail** at faith.

II. The Healer's Response

- She had faith enough to come, now would she have faith enough to confess?
- Christ looked around to see her, so that he could commend and encourage her faith.
- Secret disciples are weak disciples.
- Faith and feelings cannot give into fear.
- He sealed her faith, He stilled her fears, and He secured her future.

Several truths that will apply to us today:

- Sometimes it gets worse before it gets better.
- Just as secret acts of sin are known to the Lord Jesus, so are secret acts of faith, and are under His watchful eye. If believers develop virtue from Christ and are really trusting, He knows it, and is pleased with it.
- We cannot allow adversity to keep us from seeking after Christ.
- I believe her power came from her humility, and that is what touched Jesus heart that day.
- Salvation is based on man coming humbly to God and humility places our entire dependence on God.

So does pride and "self" have to die before heaven can live in you?

It's painfully clear to my own life that humility, grace, and abiding in Christ are all sorely missing in my world.

Final thoughts:

- Allowing the Spirit of God to conquer our own pride is needful, so that the humble life of Christ is revealed to the lost world.
- Humility should be the only pathway to truly understanding the glory of God.
- So, don't get discouraged! Remember, it's the indwelling life of Christ that enables us to release His divine humility in us every day.

By the way... Jarius' daughter came out OK.