

Only Believe: People Beyond Hope are Welcome

Mark 5:21-43

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Two cases of help for the hopeless:

1. 12 years of slow death verse 25-34
 - a. Hope **reduced** verse 25-26
 - b. Hope **renewed** verse 27-31
 - i. Consider the **facts**
 - ii. Come by **faith**
 - iii. Experience **feelings** of healing
 - iv. Conquer the **fear** of confession
 - c. Hope **rewarded** (verse 32-34)
 - i. She came for a remedy but she received a **relationship**
 - ii. She came for healing but she received **wholeness**
 - iii. She came for her sickness but she received **security**
2. 12 years then sudden death (verses 21-24; 35-43)
 - i. Believe Jesus in spite of what you hear from a **faithless report** (verse 35)
 - ii. Believe Jesus in spite of what seems to be hope **without reason** (verses 37-38)
 - iii. Believe Jesus in spite of what you see as the **final result** (verse 40)

Learn this:

- Trust Jesus when your case seems **hopeless**
- Trust Jesus when your life is utter **loneliness**
- Trust Jesus when your suffering seems endless
- Trust Jesus when His timing seems **careless**
- Trust Jesus because faith makes you **fearless** - "Do not be afraid; only believe. (verse 36)

The greatest missed opportunity is: