

## *Hopelessness Conquered by Christ*

*Mark 5:21-43*

*Series: Christ Our Focus*

### 1. Introduction:

- a. The sandwich method – A1-B-A2
  - i. Jairus request – The Woman with the issue – Jairus faith
  - ii. Both stories about female
  - iii. Both have a hopeful coming to Christ
  - iv. The woman suffering 12 years and the young girl was 12
  - v. Both called daughter by Jesus
  - vi. Jesus is met with rebuke in both stories
  - vii. Both stories bring Christ in contact with uncleanness
    1. The uncleanness is transferred to Christ and his healing is transferred to both.

### 2. Verse 21 –

- a. Christ comes back after being expelled
- b. The large crowd represents a hindrance and an opportunity

### 3. Verses 22-24 – Jairus' Plea

- a. Verse 22 –
  - i. Ruler of the synagogue – The ruler of the synagogue was not a worship leader or a professionally trained scribe or rabbi but a lay member of the synagogue who was entrusted by the elders of the community with general oversight of the synagogue and orthodoxy of teaching.
  - ii. He does not come to Christ in the importance of his position but as a beggar.
    1. He falls at the feet of Jesus
- b. Verse 23 –
  - i. Imploring him earnestly – deep prayer
    1. Jairus is outside of himself – his importance, power, and position cannot help his daughter
  - ii. Come – Lay your hands -
    1. That she may be made well –
      - a. Trust in the power of Christ
  - iii. The Greek gives the sense of “My daughter is at death’s door.”

- c. Verse 24 –
  - i. Christ goes – where asked in earnest, Christ goes
  - ii. A great throng –
  
- 4. Verses 25-26 – Part B – Enter the woman
  - a. Jairus is anxious and yet his petition is put on hold –
  - b. This woman with a menstrual hemorrhage comes to Christ
    - i. Her condition is described as a whip, lash, scourge, or torment
    - ii. She has a blood flow, has suffered, has lost her wealth, has not improved, and has gotten worse.
  - c. Because of her uncleanness she cannot enter the temple or have contact with any other Jew.
  
- 5. Verses 27-29 –
  - a. Verse 27 – Discipleship
    - i. She heard, came, and touched
      - 1. **Romans 10:17** So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.
  - b. Verse 28 – An unwavering faith – if I touch him, I will be made clean
  - c. Immediately the flow was gone – Twelve years of shame and frustration are resolved in a momentary touch of Jesus
    - i. Christ can transform any life immediately
  
- 6. Verse 30 – Who Touched my garments
  - a. Her being in public and touching him were both forbidden
    - i. She must openly confess – there is no closet discipleship
    - ii. She must not stay in the crowd but come forward as one whom has been blessed by the lord.
  
- 7. Verses 31-34 –
  - a. Verses 31 – Rebuke
  - b. Verses 32 –
    - i. Jesus keeps on looking
  - c. Verse 33 – She comes forward, trembling but freed.
    - i. Discipleship is not just getting our needs met; it is being in the presence of Jesus; being known by him and following him.

- d. Verse 34 – Her fear and trembling are not met with reproach but with tender compassion.
    - i. The greek word for healed can be translated saved.
8. Verses 35-36 – Back to Jairus
- a. Verse 35 – Hope lost – do not trouble Jesus any further
    - i. Limitation on Christ
  - b. Verse 36 – Christ speaks to the hopelessness
    - i. Christ is willing to work, Jairus must believe
    - ii. This is the challenge for every believer
    - iii. The present tense means to keep believing – to hold to faith and not give in to despair.
    - iv. We must not have faith but faith must have us
9. Verses 37-40 –
- a. Professional mourners
  - b. They knew that the girl was dead
  - c. When Jesus says the girl is but sleeping, lamentation turns to derision. They laughed at him.
    - i. Disbelief earns a seat outside and is not privy to the hand of God.
  - d. Sleeping – is speaking of how God wants us to regard those who die in faith
    - i. **1 Corinthians 15:50-52** I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. (51) Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, (52) in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.
10. Verses 41-42 –
- a. I say to you – it is the authority of Jesus that brings life.
    - i. **John 5:21** For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will... **John 5:24-26** Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. (25) "Truly, truly, I say to you, an

hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.  
(26) For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself.

- b. They are overcome with amazement – so should we

11. Verse 43 – something to eat

12. Benediction –

- a. **Hebrews 11:6** And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.