

**Mark 5:21-43 (New International Version)**

21When 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. 22Then one of the synagogue rulers, named Jairus, came there. Seeing Jesus, he fell at his feet 23and 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." 24So Jesus went with him.

A large crowd followed and pressed around him. 25And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. 26She 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. 27When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, 28because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." 29Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering. 30At 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?' "

32But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. 33Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. 34He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

35While 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?" 36Ignoring what they said, Jesus told the synagogue ruler, "Don't be afraid; just believe." 37He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. 38When they came to the home of the synagogue ruler, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. 39He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep." 40But they laughed at him.

After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. 41He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha kum!" (which means, "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). 42Immediately the girl stood up and walked around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. 43He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

### OASIS: Kindness & Goodness (Mark 5: 21-43)

Our study will focus more on kindness than goodness. But what is the connection? Both are fruit of the Spirit. Both are qualities that are developed in our character. Both inevitably express themselves in our deeds, actions and relationships. It is not surprising that Jesus, who is thoroughly good, treats people with kindness.

Possible Starter question: **“Random acts of kindness”—you have probably all heard the phrase. How do you respond? What is helpful (or unhelpful) about that idea?**

- Pray for the Holy Spirit’s leading (if you haven’t already prayed)
- Read text either aloud or silently (or both).

Overview question: Let’s quickly list the people who experienced the goodness and kindness of Jesus in this passage. Who did you see? Now we will take a closer look at each scene.

#### Scene one—verses 21-24a:

- O What do we see about the context and scene in v. 21?
- O What do you learn about Jairus? (Who is he? What does he do?)

A What can we learn, even imitate, from Jairus?

*Comment: The Gospel simply tells us “So Jesus went with him.”*

#### Scene two—verses 24b-34:

- O Now we meet the woman, who is central to this next scene. In vs. 25-26, what do we discover about situation?
  - I Given all this, what would you expect her “attitude/outlook” to be?
- O How does she approach Jesus? What is she hoping for?
  - I What do you think she wants to avoid? (vs. 27-28)
- O What happens next? (vs. 29-31) What happens to her? How does Jesus respond? (How do the disciples react?)
  - I Why do you think Jesus keeps looking around to find “who did it?”
  - I Despite her hesitancy and fear, what difference do you think her interaction with Jesus makes to her? What is Jesus doing for her?

A Even though we are not Jesus, what can we learn from Jesus’ model? Can you think of any situations, where that kind of “clarifying conversation” is worth the risk or potential embarrassment?

Scene three—verses 35-43:

I How would you have felt if you had been Jairus when Jesus got caught up with this woman?

A What might we need to learn about “interruptions?”

O Bad news is delivered by men from the house of Jairus. What do they assume?

O How does Jesus treat the various people in the scene? Where do you see evidence of goodness and kindness? (With Jairus? With the 3 disciples? With the mourners? With the child’s parents? With the girl?)

**A Are there anyways you’d like us to help you or challenge you to grow in goodness or kindness?**

**A What are some of the practical ways can provide goodness and kindness to one another this year within our LC?**

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- a. BIG idea on Kindness & Goodness: Christ-like relationships are characterized by... sensitivity to people’s needs and simple acts that help people grow without pressure or coercion.
  - b. Key verses: Mk. 5: 34 Jesus said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.”
  - c. Today’s text is another narrative passage. Narrative passages are best explored with the simple observation questions that revolve around who? where? when? what? (Why is an interpretation question usually.)
  - d. KEY: O = Observation; I = Interpretation; A = Application (or C = Challenge).
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Advice to leaders:

- a. Besides OIA questions, use “process questions” (what else? what more?)
- b. Pace the study—move on—**conclude strong**
- c. Determine the core questions you will ask (and know which ones to skip if pressed for time)
- d. Always reword questions in wording that is comfortable for you (if the question doesn’t make sense to you, then drop it.)
- e. If you are utilizing this “on-line” study and not part of OASIS, I recommend that you get the IVP one volume commentary entitled New Bible Commentary (21<sup>st</sup> Century Edition). It is well worth the \$40 or whatever it costs.