

Do You Have Faith to Walk with Me?

Mark 5:21-43

Mark 5:21-24 (NKJV)

Now when Jesus had crossed over again by boat to the other side, a great multitude gathered to Him; and He was by the sea. And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him, he fell at His feet and begged Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter lies at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live." So Jesus went with him, and a great multitude followed Him and thronged Him.

There are two separate Incidences here in **Mark 5** that each can actually stand alone. My focus today is upon the initial contact with Jesus and briefly touch upon the INTERRUPTION encountered along the way.

I believe as Christians we need to give some attention to the importance of an Interruption in our spiritual walk.

In our text we are quickly introduced to a man by the name of Jairus. He was a Synagogue Leader, an important man who had many religious responsibilities among his people. Jairus was a Holy man, that truly Believed in God.

As a Synagogue Leader, this was a man acquainted with life's many and varied problems. Many people in the Synagogue over the years called upon Pastor Jairus to comfort them as they struggled with some sickness – accident – tragedy as well as share in their grief.

However now we find this well Respected Religious Leader is faced with what may become a very Real Tragedy in his own home. His Young Daughter lay sick in bed...dying.

Physicians had already made their diagnosis and done their best. The doctors had finally said, "It's no use she's dying, there is nothing else we can do"

Now any parent that has ever had a child become very sick knows the Emotional toll it takes.

In this situation Jairus may have questioned God, or even blamed God for his misfortune. He may have experienced a feeling of anger mixed with self-pity.

I can empathize the ANGUISH of this Father. A feeling of helplessness and yet a great desire to do something but not knowing what to do. Maybe even beginning to think; God I have been serving you the best I know how and now this?

Yet in the anguish of this Religious Leader, he remembers a young Rabbi he has heard about.

The Rabbi has been turning the Pharisees and Scribes viewpoint on Religion upside down. He remembers hearing about this young Rabbi that has been teaching in the local Synagogues and drawing Huge Crowds.

He remembers having heard this man even had the POWER TO HEAL. He had healed a man with a withered hand and of course there was a tale about an insane man that lived among the tombs, they said this Rabbi Jesus healed him too. He heard the story about a wedding where this Rabbi turned Water into Wine.

Whether this young rabbi is a true prophet or whether he is a charlatan Jairus didn't know. All he knew for sure was that his Daughter was sick and he Desperately needed help.

I am not sure how Jairus even knew how to find Jesus on this particular day in the midst of his Tremendous Need. What we do know is; Jesus just DISEMBARKS from a ship having crossed over the sea. Great crowds were already there.

The text makes it appear that Jairus came upon Jesus Suddenly, kinda Stumbled across Jesus. He had no time to think about what he was going to ask or how to put it into words. He fell at the feet of Jesus and began to plead, "My little girl is sick and close to death. Come with me to my home, Lay your hands on her and I know she will be healed."

Not maybe or Perhaps, Not let's see what happens, but "I Know".

I can imagine this father had probably rehearsed in his mind what he was going to say, to be poised and very politely ask if Jesus would come. But all of our DIGNITY goes out the window when we come face to face with Jesus.

There is no way to be dignified with tears streaming down our face and we are on our knees begging for help.

When I see those trying to Praise God in a Dignified manner, I don't criticize, they just have not met Jesus face to face yet, in the midst of their storm. When you Cry out to Jesus for Help and He delivers, you can't help but get unraveled for the Lord.

When your Need was Meet, Child was Delivered, Sickness Healed, Realize God's Grace is Sufficient to handle your condition...You will be just like Jairus and Fall Down and Worship Him.

Realize that it is this man's FAITH that compelled Jesus to follow.

Notice that as soon as Jairus spoke his faith, Jesus was attracted by that faith and went with him to heal the girl. Isn't it interesting that the Text does not record that Jesus even spoke a word to this Father in Need?

Look again with me at (v.24) "So Jesus went with Him..." Most of us did not even catch the significance of these initial words that begin this verse.

Our faith when we are first saved is mirrored in this encounter.

We start our Christian Journey simply wanting Jesus to come with us.

We almost view him like an OMNIPOTENT Body Guard.

Body Guard follows you around and makes sure no danger comes your way

Body Guard will protect you and take care of business for you

The text says Jesus Went With Him, so Jairus must have been feeling good at this point...However, in the midst of this dramatic event Jesus was INTERRUPTED.

Mark 5:25-34 (NKJV)

Notice this was also a TOUCH OF FAITH. Jesus turns and asks, "WHO TOUCHED ME?" His disciples said to Him, "Lord, Everyone is touching You!" But Jesus said, "This touch is different, because I felt virtue/power go out of Me."

Someone paraphrased it by saying, "Someone has made a demand upon My ability"

Now put yourself back in Jairus place.

He has Desperately made his way through the crowds to Jesus to beg Him to come and heal His Daughter who is about to die. Obviously, he wants Jesus to Hurry up and go as quickly as possible because there is not a moment to lose. She could die at any given moment.

Yet on the way, some woman sneaks up behind Jesus and by an act of faith makes a demand upon His ability. As Jesus stops to minister to her, Jairus is left standing there watching and possibly thinking:

This isn't fair.

This woman has been sick for 12 years, but my daughter is dying right now.

I came to Jesus first.

He should come with me and heal my daughter, and then He can attend to this woman.

Besides, she is socially unclean, she doesn't even have a right to be here.

(the Levitical law stated that because this woman had an issue of blood, she was ceremonially unclean and by law, she could have been stoned to death just for going out in public)

Yet Jesus stopped and turned around and addressed the Interruption.

As a minister I had to learn how to APPRECIATE and THANK GOD for the divine INTERRUPTIONS that He sends in my life.

Just when I seem to really be getting things done – here comes an Interruption.

When I am in the middle of preparing for an important event – here comes an Interruption.

Just when my busy schedule seems to be improving – here comes an Interruption.

I have learned that the Interruptions I encounter in my life help me to take my sights off myself and focus on God's SUFFICIENCY.

Interruptions are not sent to harm us but to help us so I'm trying to welcome interruptions as potential gifts of God. After all, God has a much better plan for my day than I do!

This interruption in the life of Jairus is a gift that would be used to Elevate his Faith to another level. This woman that Interrupted the previous schedule had been suffering for 12-long years, spent all her money on Physicians and yet she grew worse.

Here Jesus was taking up precious time with this social outcast when it seemed that He should have been dealing with the Daughter of the Leader of the Synagogue.

This narrative is evidence that Jesus is no respecter of persons.

He will minister to the highest-ranking official and He will minister to the lowest outcasts of society. Jesus had started going along with Jairus in response to his faith, and on the way He stopped and ministered to this poor woman in response to her faith. The Lord is not looking for those who have WEALTH – POSITION – POWER, All He is looking for is someone with enough faith.

This woman was healed because of her Faith.

Can you just imagine how Jairus spirit must have been lifted as he witnessed this Healing Miracle for himself? He must really have thought that now I know my daughter will be healed. But Satan will not allow us to enjoy good news for long; a message is on the way that will burst Jairus' bubble and crush his heart.

Mark 5:35-36 (NKJV)

Jesus hears the messengers and Immediately turns to this now Shocked Father and says; "Don't panic, don't fear!" He was telling this man to continue as he had been acting before he received this bad report.

Can I Pause HERE FOR JUST A FEW MINUTES?

This is where all too often you and I fail as Believers. The WORD from God, went right to Jairus as soon as the Bad News Arrived. When we receive bad news we spend too much time doing everything else before looking to the Word of God.

We Cry and we Complain on FB and to our Friends. We moan and say Oh Why Me? Then when we are at our breaking Point...we Go to the Lord.

Jesus immediately addressed and comforted Jairus, before Fear could take hold. As far as Jesus was concerned, death was no greater a challenge than sickness. He knew He had the power to RESTORE HEALTH and He had the power to RESTORE LIFE. That is why He told Jairus not to panic.

Jesus was asking Jairus – Do you Trust Me Enough to Walk with Me?

What do we do when our Situation Goes from Bad to Worse?

What do we do when our Marriage Goes from Bad to Worse?

What do we do when our Job Goes from Bad to Worse?

What do we do when our Children Go from Bad to Worse?

What do we do when our Finances Go from Bad to Worse?

What do we do when our Health Goes from Bad to Worse?

I can hear Jesus asking us this morning -- Do you Trust Me Enough to Walk with Me?

Will we seek and allow the Word of God to immediately PENETRATE our Heart when things Go from Bad to Worse? Jesus is saying this morning; I heard the same report as you but Do You Trust Me Enough to Walk with Me?

Obviously Jairus' mental and emotional attitude had a great deal to do with what was going to happen next.

The same is true with us.

When the Lord tells us not to be afraid, not to panic, He is not saying that the negative situations we are facing are not real. They are real, just as the situation of Jairus' daughter was real. His daughter was dead, that is about as real as it gets. Jesus did not deny the reality of the situation but He did show by His words and actions that it was not the ultimate or final reality.

Jesus was ready to continue walking to the home of this Religious Leader and now I am sure Grieving Father. Jairus just had to understand that JESUS DOES NOT DO FUNERALS.

Once Jesus was traveling in the City of Nain where he ran into a Funeral Processional; A Mother, who was a Widow, already lost her husband now burying her Son. Jesus stopped the Funeral Processional and touch the boy on the hand and Restored his life.

You remember Lazarus don't you? Been in the grave Four Days, Jesus approached the Tomb and said Lazarus, Come Forth. Lazarus walked out of that tomb.

Jesus started out with Jairus in response to his faith and He didn't intend to stop now just because the bad report came or the Physical circumstances changed.

Jesus did not say, "Sorry, Jairus. If this woman hadn't stopped me, we might have made it in time. It must not have been the will of God that your daughter be healed or she would have lasted until we arrived. I'm really sorry, but it is just too late for Me to do anything about it now, so I may as well be on My way."

That is not what Jesus said, and it is not what He did.

He went right on toward Jairus' house just as if nothing had happened. Jesus ignored the bad report and even the naysayer's and mockers we will see.

Jesus is asking you; Do you Trust Me Enough to Walk with Me?

Matthew 16:24 (NKJV)

Do you Trust Me Enough to Walk with Me? Do you trust me enough to keep on walking with me no matter the circumstance (your cross)? I heard the news, I heard the report, but Do You Trust Me Enough to Walk with Me? I am going to keep on walking to your house, I am going to your home in spite of the bad report.

Mark 5:37-43 (NKJV)

I want you to know that if you Walk with Jesus in the times of adversity and in the times of storms, and if you refuse to let go of your faith, Jesus will make a way out of no way.

Do you Trust Me Enough to Walk With Me?

I can resurrect your marriage even though it appears to be dead.

Do you Trust Me Enough to Walk With Me?

I can resurrect your finances even though now you are facing bankruptcy.

Do you Trust Me Enough to Walk With Me?

Whatever your eyes see now it is not your ultimate Reality.

Do you Trust Me Enough to Walk With Me?

Jesus has another Plan for you and your family.

Do you Trust Me Enough to Walk With Me?

Don't Panic, Don't Give Up, Don't Throw in the Towel, Don't lose your Faith
Don't listen to Opinion of Others, Don't even Trust your own eyes.