

MARK

A JOURNEY WITH JESUS

Mark: A Journey with Jesus || Putting Faith in God's First Mark 5:21-43

In the text today, Jesus famously heals two people; the woman with an issue of blood that touches the hem of his robe, and the daughter of Jairus.

- *Have you ever felt God physically healed you, or someone else, from a sickness?*

As a group, read together Mark 5:21-43. This week's text is longer than normal, so break it down between different readers and take your time.

- *How does Jairus' way of approaching Jesus stand out as unique?*
- *What did Jairus risk by his request that Jesus heal his daughter?*
- *Why do you think the woman that touches Jesus' garments didn't just get his attention and ask for her healing? Is it significant that she only wanted to touch him?*

Jairus had an unexpected suffering that changed everything for him and his family. **In his suffering, he was fully putting his faith in God's ability.**

- *Can you relate to Jairus' panic and desire for suffering to end?*
- *Do you have specific areas of suffering that you often doubt God's ability to take care of?*

The woman that touched Jesus' garment is a great example of someone that put their faith in Jesus to change things. She put her faith in God's timing, and in his plan to heal her.

- *Have you seen God's timing come to be a gift in the time of a great storm of suffering?*
- *Do you have something that needs to be surrendered to God's plan?*

Faith in Jesus directs our hope from our situation to Him. Faith puts our hope in the one who is holy, worthy, able, and can plan for his goodness even when all seems lost.

- *What are some things that you mistakenly put your faith in, instead of God?*
- *What is the correlation between faith and hope? How does faith lead to hope?*

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