

FIGHT THROUGH THE CROWDS AND GET TO JESUS:
Your First-Creation Life is Running Out

Another Markan Sandwich:

5:21-24 Jairus, the synagogue official goes to Jesus on behalf of his dying daughter

5:25-34 *Jesus delays when touched by a woman whose life had been flowing away*

5:35-43 Jesus continues to Jairus, casting out fear to replace it with faith.

Mark 5:21-24 Drop your pride, press through the crowds and kneel before Jesus.

22 Position and pride must fall away in the face of death.

23 Jairus implores, asks and longs for his daughter to feel Jesus' touch.

24 Jesus hears, cares and goes off with Jairus.

Mark 5:25-34 Set aside your shame, risk discovery to touch the Savior.

25-26 A woman, twelve-year hemorrhage, enduring much from physicians, spending all she had, growing worse.

27-28 She hears about Jesus, comes up in the crowd behind him, and touches his cloak.

29 Immediately, her flow of blood dries up and she feels in her body that she is healed.

30 Jesus perceives power has gone forth and asks, *Who touched my garments?*

31-32 His disciples, mystified, almost mock, but Jesus keeps looking around until he spots her.

33-34 With fear and trembling at what he'd done, she falls before him and tells him the whole truth

Imagine the impatience, fear and frustration of Jairus! *Do you demand that Jesus lead you on a path and pace of your choosing?*

Imagine the woman's emotions: delight at being healed, fear at being called out from hiding.

She tells the whole truth about herself and her actions, will you?

Mark 5:35-43 Risk the ridicule, tear through the tears and let Jesus touch you.

35 Your daughter has died!

36-36 Jesus rebukes the report and calls for faith instead of fear.

37 It is those learning or seeking to believe him to whom he reveals more of his person and power.

38-40 He casts out those who ridicule (we must risk and cast it out too) & calls in Jairus, wife and disciples.

41-42 Jesus speaks to the dead for the sake of the living; he is the one who gives new creation life!

He touches as well as tells!

He cares for our shame (the woman) and ministers to our need (food for strength)

Don't defend Jesus for not healing and raising more folks; humankind deserves rebuke for our rejection.

God will restore the creation and give new life to those who return to him.

The idea that God should renew his creation and be *nice* to us while we're in rebellion and mock is a sign of our sinfulness and shame.

APPLICATION: Use the passage as a grid, praying through the eyes of the characters:

The crowd

Jairus

Jairus' wife:

The woman:

The mourners

The disciples

The little girl

Jesus

Pressed upon, made unclean, no respecter of persons, flowing blood, dying, bearing shame...

Mark 5:34 And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed of your affliction."