

FAITH THAT BROUGHT RESULTS

BIBLE TEXT : Mark 5:21-43

LESSON 80 Junior Course

MEMORY VERSE: "Be not afraid, only believe" (Mark 5:36).

BIBLE TEXT in King James Version

Mark 5:21-43 (KJV)

²¹ And when Jesus was passed over again by ship unto the other side, much people gathered unto him: and he was nigh unto the sea.

²² And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet,

²³ And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: *I pray thee*, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live.

²⁴ And *Jesus* went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him.

²⁵ And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years,

²⁶ And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse,

²⁷ When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment.

²⁸ For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.

²⁹ And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in *her* body that she was healed of that plague.

³⁰ And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes?

³¹ And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?

³² And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing.

BIBLE REFERENCES:

NOTES:

Waiting for Jesus

The people on the other side of the sea were different from the Gadarenes who asked Jesus to leave! Many people gathered to meet Jesus as He came ashore from His boat trip across the Sea of Galilee. Perhaps some wanted to hear the parables He spoke; others, no doubt, were curious to see this Man who could perform such miracles. There were others who were eager to meet Jesus because they had heard that He could heal sick bodies. Sickness comes to all people — the rich, the poor, the learned, the unlearned, the workers, and the idle. But we know that everyone, too, can go to Jesus for healing of both soul and body.

One man, whose name was Jairus, was a ruler of the synagogue. The church of the Jews is called a synagogue. Not many of the rulers believed Jesus and what He taught. This man, Jairus, believed Jesus, not only that He could heal his daughter but he had confidence that He would heal her. He was one of the multitude who gathered to see Jesus. He realized that he was standing in need of Jesus' help. The Lord does not help us unless we feel that we really need and want Him. Jesus will do nothing for us so long as we feel that we are doing fine in our own strength.

His Daughter Dying

Jairus' only daughter, just twelve years old, was dying. He must have been very sad, but hope came to his heart when he met Jesus. The first thing Jairus did was to fall "at his feet" That means he worshiped Jesus, then spoke his request. That is a good way to start our prayers — to praise and thank Him for what He has already done, before we ask more of Him. Jairus begged Jesus to lay His hands on his dying daughter that she would be healed. He did not say "if" or "maybe" but clearly stated, "She shall live." What great faith he had! And Jesus honored it!

A Woman in Need

Jesus went with Jairus; but on the way to his home, where the sick child lay, something happened. Many people were about Jesus, but one "touched" Him. No doubt many people rubbed against Jesus but this was a "touch" of purpose, a "touch" of faith.

This woman's name is not given, but her faith is a beautiful example for us. She was a very sick woman. One would say that hers was a hard case. Her disease, which had lasted for twelve years, had caused her much suffering. She had gone to many doctors, and had spent all she had. Instead of getting better, she grew worse. When she heard of Jesus, she went to the right place for help.

Obstacles

It was no easy thing for her, being sick, to work her way through the crowd. Many times when we want to get closer to Jesus, we have to push things out of our way. We consecrate them to God so that nothing is between us and the Savior. As she tried to push her way through to Jesus, perhaps some

³³ But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth.

³⁴ And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.

³⁵ While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's *house certain* which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further?

³⁶ As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe.

³⁷ And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James.

³⁸ And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly.

³⁹ And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth.

⁴⁰ And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying.

⁴¹ And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise.

⁴² And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was *of the age* of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment.

⁴³ And he charged them straitly that no man should know it; and commanded that something should be given her to eat.

stepped aside to help her, while others refused to move, or even tried to discourage her. Today we are either a help or a hindrance to those about us. There is no neutral ground. Jesus said, "He that is not with me is against me" (Matthew 12:30).

Just a Touch

She thought that if she could just touch His clothes she would be healed—and she was! She pushed through the crowd, and without Jesus even seeing her, she touched the hem of His garment. Immediately she was healed! Not only was the pain gone but also the very disease. We read that she could feel in her body that the disease was gone.

Jesus knew about her without asking. We cannot get something from Jesus without. His knowing about it. He asked who had touched him, so that others would know it too, for she worshiped Him and gave her testimony. Jesus confirmed the work already done as He spoke peace to her troubled soul.

Jairus' Daughter Dead

Remember that Jesus was on His way to heal Jairus' daughter, but He is never too busy to help those in need. While Jesus tarried to talk to the woman, Jairus' servant came to tell him that the Master need not go, as the child was dead. They thought that Jesus could heal her but they did not know that He could raise her from the dead.

Raised from the Dead

This was not the first person whom Jesus had raised from the dead. In Luke 7:11-15 we read about a widow's son at Nain. This is an illustration of what happens to a person who is "dead in trespasses and sins." When that person meets Jesus, He raises him to "walk in newness of life." That is, when a sinner prays and makes contact with God, he is saved and lives a different life.

Even before Jesus healed the child, He encouraged Jairus with these words: "Be not afraid, only believe." Jesus did not allow the people to follow Him, as He knew that some were there to find fault and disbelieve. The parents of the girl and the three disciples — Peter, James, and John— were alone with Him as He took the dead girl by the hand saying, "Arise." She was not only given life, but she also was made well and strong. The household had been mourning for the dead child, but in a few moments of time there was astonishment in their eyes as Jairus' daughter arose and walked. All this was at the word of Jesus, with whom nothing is impossible.

QUESTIONS

- 1 What do we mean when we say, "Lay hands on the sick"?
- 2 What do our ministers do when they pray for the sick?
- 3 What was it that Jesus said had made the woman whole?
- 4 How did she know that she was healed?
- 5 Why did Jesus ask who touched Him?
- 6 Who was Jairus?
- 7 Why did he go to Jesus?
- 8 How long did it take the girl to get well?