

Falling at the Feet of Jesus Mark 5:21-43

Jesus cares for both the outcast and the important

- **Important:** Jairus. A synagogue official was someone who would be an administrator of the synagogue, maintaining the facilities and organizing worship services. It is most likely one of a group of elders of the synagogue.
- **Outcast:** The Bleeding Woman. Her affliction would have made her unclean in a religious and a social sense. She would have constantly been on the fringes of society.
 - Both are stories of women and impurity. The woman who was bleeding and the girl's dead body were ceremonially unclean. The woman had suffered for 12 years and the girl was 12 years old. One was a beloved daughter and one was finally called daughter after longing to belong. The one who wants to be private, He brings into the public. The one who is a public figure is told to be secret.
- **Both fall to their knees in front of Jesus.**

Jesus is the one with power over disease and death who also tells us to have faith and believe

- **The Woman:**
 - Mark 3:10 gives a precedent for this woman to try and touch Jesus. "For he had healed many, with the result that all those who had afflictions pressed around Him in order to touch Him." Then Mark 6:56, after this story, says "Wherever He entered villages, or cities, or countryside, they were laying the sick in the market places, and imploring Him that they might just touch the fringe of His cloak; and as many as touched it were being cured."
 - Matthew's account of this story in Matthew 9:20 says "touched the fringe of his cloak."
 - Malachi 4:2 – "the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings"
 - The Jewish Prayer Shawl (Tallit) has fringes called tzitzit or wings (kanaph). This is the fringe of his garments.
 - Sun of righteousness had been interpreted to mean the Messiah. This was a prophecy of the Messiah/deliverer/savior to come.
 - Then Jesus comes with healing in the wings of his prayer shawl.
 - "Your faith has made you well" – σώζω (sōzō) 'to save'
 - "healed of your disease"
 - ὑγιής (hugiēs) 'healthy' healthy, sound, well
 - μάστιξ (mastix) 'whip' flogging device; suffering; disease, sickness
- **The Girl:**
 - The healings of Jesus now reach a climax as he raises a young girl from the dead. Power over death is the ultimate display of authority. There are only three people we know of that Jesus raised from the dead. The first was in Luke 7:11-16. The second is this story. The third is Lazarus.
 - Jesus here is also the God of time and the God of life. He's not worried if someone dies because He has power over death.
- **Will I be healed if I just have faith and believe?**
 - **Faith** –
 - **Belief** – "Don't be afraid. Just believe." vs. 36
 - πιστεύω (pisteuō) 'to trust (in)' – to believe, put one's faith in, trust, with an implication that actions based on that trust may follow
 - This is the same word for believe that is in John 3:16 and Romans 10:9-10

Response

- The posture of both Jairus and the Woman was to fall at the feet of Jesus.
- Let's come to the altar of Jesus and bring our baggage, our hurt, our disbelief, our disappointment, our suffering, our fear to the feet of Jesus. Let's stretch out our hands for the hem of His garment to find healing in our Savior.

Digging Deeper + LifeGroup Discussion

1. The Greek word for save has a wide semantic range and can refer to spiritual salvation (Mark 8:35; 10:26; 13:13), physical rescue (Mark 13:20; 15:30-31), preservation of life (Mark 3:4; 8:35), or physical healing/restoration (Mark 5:23; 28; 34; 6:56; 10:52). It is sometimes said that these senses play off each other, so that spiritual and physical restoration are seen as one and the same. It is certainly true that in the gospels the two go hand in hand theologically, and the arrival of the kingdom of God brings both physical restoration and spiritual forgiveness. How have you experienced the difference aspects of the word "save" in the Bible?
2. Discuss your struggle with faith and believing in the power of God? How have you worked through that in your life? Spend some time ministering to anyone who is currently struggling or wrestling with this topic.
3. Share some ways we can follow the posture of Jairus and the Woman by falling at the feet of Jesus. What does this look like in our everyday lives?

Next Steps

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