

Twelve Years and One Day

Mark 5:21-43

Preamble

- The verses we are covering are about many things to many people depending on their current circumstances
- None of them would be wrong
- But attending this narrative of two people with 12 years in common who are both 'touched' on One Day, the same day
- Concurrent with this story are the various dynamics of faith in Jesus Christ

Faith is something we do not like: if we are honest

- I like it when everything is settled and sure and healthy and safe
- Faith in Christ has been commanded (if it wasn't commanded would we choose it as a means knowing, serving, and walking with God?)
- Faith grows expanding our trust in Christ or it shrinks ...
- Faith as a set of beliefs system can be wrong or right or both at the same time
- Any corrections or confirmations will come from rightly dividing the Word of Truth
- Faith here in our narrative is measured and it is also commanded to be immeasurable
- It takes very little faith by measurement to be saved: Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you are saved says the H.S. thru the Apostle Paul
- Let no one tell you it takes more than that little faith to be saved!
- But if you think that little faith is all you need to live by on earth after salvation you are sadly mistaken
- It is recorded five Jesus used the phrase 'little faith' with His disciples... and not in a good sense
- Little faith needs to grow up
- Faith of all ages needs to be tested to see if it is what we think it is- God knows already
- In one incident Jesus said of a gentile that he had 'great faith', a measure larger than 'little faith'
- One man understood both the measure of faith that he had and the measure he did not have: He said.. 'Lord I believe help my unbelief!'
- Sometimes faith no matter what its measurements are, is pushed to the background and fears, doubts, just being overwhelmed in the moment is leading our charge forward or our retreat
- Jesus would say to the disciples, to me, 'where is your faith'?
- Where have you pushed it aside?

Faith has many purposes

- We are live to by faith and this includes the use of His gifts in the body
- In Roman's twelve there is a measure of faith or an appropriate amount and quality of faith assigned to every gift that He gives to His church
- 'To each is given a measure of faith'
- Without this measure of faith we would shrink back, we would be unfaithful...
- there is 'the gift of faith' in 1Cor. 12 which I believe is given by the Holy Spirit to be used with other gifts in extraordinary situations- as the Holy Spirit deems necessary

Faith in Mark 5:21-43

- In our passage we will find faith that has a certain measure and it was not enough, it lacked
- In our passage we will find faith that had a different measure,
- different qualities than the other that lacked and it was sufficient and Jesus says so
- Faith is organic it grows and it should not stop growing until the Rapture or the Rapture
- The H.S. says so thru Paul in 2 Thes. 1:3
- Its greatest purpose during our sojourn here is that living by faith pleases God
- Its is so important to God's 'pleasure measure' that He says it is not possible to please Him without it!

So pay attention to two faiths in this passage:

- Theirs and yours!

Now on to our training passage, Mark 5:21-43

- We are all familiar with the stories within 'the story'
- My method is that I will give an expanded translation where necessary

How contemporary is this 2,000-year-old narrative?

- Here are some relatables:
- A woman suffering continuously for 12 years: and then- one day!
- A father and a mother enthralled by the gradual, joyful maturation of an only daughter: then -one day!
- the key players in this drama:** We start with Jesus, and a father, two daughters, 12 years (yes time is always a key player), 12 learning disciples, a pressing, thronging crowd that really did not touch Him, and we end again with Jesus.
- Don't misunderstand, He touched the pressing crowd,
- but what really touches Him is a person who has faith in Him.
- The crowd did not touch Him!

v.21 Now when Jesus had crossed over again by boat to the other side (*back toward Capernaum*), a great multitude gathered to or in pursuit of Him; and He was by the sea.

Edwards: The seaside is by now a familiar theme in Mark, for in the first six chapters there are some fifteen references to Jesus' public ministry on the western shore of the Galilee.

v.22 And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name.

- The ruler of the synagogue, accordingly, was not a worship leader or a professionally trained scribe or rabbi
- But a 'lay member' of a synagogue who was entrusted by the elders of the community with general oversight of the synagogue and the orthodoxy of the teaching.
- His responsibilities included building maintenance and security, procuring of scrolls for Scripture reading, and arranging of Sabbath worship by designating Scripture readers, prayers, and preachers.

v.22 cont. ... And when he the ruler saw Him, he fell at His feet **Matt.** adds: **and worshipped Him**

- Only God is be worshipped and so it is here with Jairus

v.23 and he 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."

- Luke adds here she was his, 'only daughter'
- This was the measure of his faith.
- The faith that grew in him regarding Jesus
- His faith understood this about Jesus and His healing people:
 - 1-He had to be present with the person to heal them

- 2-They had to be alive in order for Jesus to heal them
- 3-Jesus had to lay hands on the sick person
- Those were the measures, the dimensions of Jairus' faith in Jesus regarding healing

v.24 So Jesus went with him, (**Matt.** Adds '**and so did His disciples**') and a great multitude followed Him and thronged or pressed hard against Him.

- It was like black Friday morning in front of Walmart, pressing and jostling Him.... but

Faith Interrupts the Lord

v.25 Now a certain woman (*all men and women are very 'certain' to our Lord!*) had a flow of blood for twelve years,

v.26 and had suffered many things from or while being under the care of many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse.

- And I am sure very discouraged BUT not without faith in God
- But her faith in man was probably at an all time low!
- Plus, she was permanently ceremonially and publicly unclean!
- we know this from words like '12 years' of hemorrhaging, 'no better' and 'grew worse'
- Edwards:** According to the Torah, a woman was unclean for seven days after her monthly cycle, but if she had a protracted gynecological problem, as does this woman, she remained unclean throughout its duration. Anyone who came into contact with her during menstruation would be banished until evening (Lev. 15:19-27).
- And above she was alone- loneliness is a solitary killer!

v.27 When she heard about ('peri', to go around and learn about) Jesus,

- What comes from going about and hearing about Jesus, from people who eagerly heard Him?
- She did not hear Him directly, she could not for she was a Levitically unclean and thus a social outcast
- Faith came to her and she embraced Him.

v. 27 cont. ... she came behind Him in the crowd

- How did she have the strength in her weakened condition to literally fight thru the thronging crowd?
- Jairus came very publicly, but she came as privately as she could!

v.27 cont. ... and she touched or grasped with certainty (**Matt.** Adds: '**the hem of**' or border of) **His garment.**

- Those other physicians did not have His Hem of authority nor did they have the reputation of 100% success in healing!

What is her reason for doing so

v.28 For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes (*himation*), touch His Hem, I shall be made well."

- Touching His hem was the release point of her faith.
- Having only seen Him from afar his Rabbi's Hem verified for her that this is the man she had placed her faith in

v.29 Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt (*ginosko, knew that*) in her body that she was *already* healed of the affliction.

v.30 And Jesus, immediately knowing (*same knowing as the woman, but with the preposition epi, which makes His knowing perfect, complete, He knew more than just her healing*) in Himself that power to heal had gone out of Him, stopped and turned around, within the immediate crowd around Him and said, "**Who touched My clothes** (*hi-mation*)?"

- Not just His clothes but 'the' part of His clothes that signified His authority, the Hem of His clothes
- Morgan:** Power had gone out to heal her, and He tarried. Why not pass on? Why did He not go on? He

delayed not merely to talk the woman. That assuredly; but this also; He knew that at the house of Jairus the child lay dead, and He knew perfectly well that those messengers were already starting to tell Jairus the sad news. He paused to lead Jairus into an atmosphere in which it would be possible for him to believe; when the news came that it was too late. He paused for Jairus' sake. Yet if I were painting the picture I should try to represent Jairus as very impatient! Why does He tarry so long? My child is dying!

-Jairus' 'measures of faith' would soon be broken

-Soon he would know that his daughter was dead therefore his faith said she could not be made well

-His faith measure do not include Jesus touching a dead person and resuscitating her,

-that is not a part of his faith doctrine

But back to Jesus and the woman, while Jairus waits and waits and waits

v.31 But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, who touched Me?" "

v.32 And He looked around to see her who had done this thing.

-this implies that she had started to withdraw and was no long clutching His hem

-And she did so knowing she was healed and in order not to draw attention to herself

v.33 But the woman, fearing and trembling, *(she knew Him enough to have secret faith, but not enough to not be afraid)* knowing or understanding what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth.

v.34 And He said to her, "**Daughter** *(the only adult woman He called 'daughter')*,

-Perfect love casts out fear she needed to be loved by Him as well as healed by Him

-And this needed to be known publicly from Him so that she would be received back into society

-**2 Corinthians 6:17-18** uses this word 'daughter', but in the plural and it reads:

17 Therefore (from Is. 52:11)

"Come out from among them (the unclean of Israel)

And be separate, says the Lord.

Do not touch what is unclean,

And I will receive you."

18 "I will be a Father to you,

And you shall be My sons and **daughters**,

Says the LORD Almighty."

-He does refer to Zion in **Matt. 21:5** as '**daughter of Zion**'....

-so is this woman a type of Zion? How so?

-What does she have that the 'Daughter Zion' does not have?

-Faith!

v.34 cont. your faith has *(perfect tense, already had it prior to this incident)* **made you** *(sozo)* **well** *(whole physically & spiritually)*. Therefore, **Go into peace** *(a peace you never had, go into it and dwell in it)*, **and also be** described as **healed** *(is an adjective)* **of your affliction."**

In Verses. 35-36

The Lord Commands Personalized, Unmeasured Faith

Morgan: while Jesus was on His way to the house of Jairus, the woman came to Him; and, from the viewpoint of Jairus, hindered Him; but from the standpoint of Jesus, enabled Him to help Jairus.

v.35 While He was still speaking, some came from the ruler of the synagogue's house who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?"

v.36 As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, "**Do not be or stop being afraid; only** (alone, without fear ...) **believe** or be believing."

- "Jairus a healing has occurred that was outside of your measure of faith in me"

- "I did not touch her she touched me, and you heard me declare it as such when I asked 'who touched me?'"

- "and then together we discovered who touched me and together we understood that woman's touch of faith also healed her."

- Now I am commanding you to stop being afraid and believe in me without measure!

-What does this look like in our lives?

- Here faith exists, but Jairus' measure of faith did not bring the healing he so desperately longed for

- It did not and could not happen the way his faith dictated.

- Here he is commanded to bring faith to the forefront, and stop leading or being dominated by fear

- We are to go from one dominant state of mind to another dominant state of mind.

- From a state of mind of great fear to a state of mind that believes in immeasurable Jesus

- This fear was probably accompanied by anger for 'time had run out', due to a delay while healing a woman who was not on death's door.

- Previously this fear remained in the background as long as the girl was alive and Jesus was heading to the house to lay hands on her

.... this was the composition of his faith, at this time in his life

- Jesus gives him two commands. Stop fearing, AND be believing.

- He never commands what cannot be done.

- He gives us the resources, the fight against fear, the energy to obey His command to believe in Him

- Therefore, he is told not to believe in what Jesus can do based on Jairus' measure of faith but to simply to cross the bridge of the boundaries of your faith and believe in Him.

Do not the Scriptures tell us this also?

Genesis 18:14 to Abraham the LORD says

14 Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and 90 year old Sarah shall have a son."

2 Kings 3:18 Elisha speaking to three kings about the Moabites ..

18 And this is a simple matter in the sight of the LORD; He will also deliver the Moabites into your hand.

- Do we look at things thru His eyes and say this is a simple matter for the LORD!

Jeremiah 32:26-27

26 Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying,

27 "Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?"

- Only if I make you smaller and less than you are!

- As the Nazarenes did to Jesus when He went to His home town where He grew up

- And He could do no mighty works there

One more from the New Testament....

Ephesians 3:20 The prayer of Paul after 3 chapters of his great doctrinal dissertation

20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,

This is what He is asking, commanding Jairus to do right now....

Vs. 37-43

The capstone to the Day

v.37 And He permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James.

-It is interesting that up to this point the crowds thronged Him and He allowed it, otherwise the woman with an issue of blood would not approach him, she could not hide.

-But now He stops all that were thronging Him except for a few from going further with Him to the house

-His great methods are found in the littlest and most natural of details!

-Who knows how much further they had to go?

.... **v.38** Then He came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue,

-Jairus is thinking it is too late

-Jesus knows He is right on time

v.38 cont. ... and saw a tumult and those who wept and wailed loudly (*probably paid wailing mourners*).

v.39 When He came in, He said to them, "**Why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but sleeping.**"

-Remember He always sees us as we are in Him we are living in our present imperfect state!

v.40 And they *continuously* ridiculed by laughing at Him. But when He had put or cast them all outside (*used mostly of casting out demons and the money changers in the temple*), He took the father and the mother of the child, and those who were with Him, and entered where the child was lying.

v.41 Then He took the child by the hand, and said *speaking to her probably in her household language*, "**Talitha, cumi**, (*which is Aramaic*)" which is translated, "Little girl, I say to you, arise."

v.42 Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years of age. And they were overcome with great amazement.

v.43 But He commanded them strictly that no one should know it, and said that something should be given her to eat (*the spiritually practical Jesus!*).

-**Matt.** Adds: **9:26 And the report of this went out into all that land.**

Lessons

1- There is always a meaning in His delay. Out of the delay will come help, out of the darkness will come light. It is always so with this Christ of ours.

2-Always grow your faith, and always realize that your faith must grow unto death or rapture.

-Why are we here? To grow our living everyday faith.

3-**Hebrews 11:5-6** says this:

5 By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "and was not found, because God had taken him"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is (our measures of faith must keep growing into the borderless box 'that He is'), and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

4-We notice that the woman was not asked to follow Jairus and the disciples and Jesus to the house.

-She is to go ... into peace and abide in it AND

-She need to do what the law prescribed for her healing and reestablish herself in her community as a witness of the great things the Lord has done for her!

-After your '**one day**' after 12 years it is time to move forward growing your faith and serving others

6-**Twelve Years and One day**

-How long have you waited?

-Stop being afraid and actively believe in the immeasurable Jesus

-For your day will come

7-Many of you have had your day or many days

-Be sure to share that with others who are still waiting!

8-Jesus had one of those days