

Mark 5:22-43; (Luke 8:41-56) “DON’T BE AFRAID, JUST BELIEVE”

I. THE STORY

Jairus was a ruler of the synagogue. He was an orthodox Jew, who probably HAD considered Jesus a _____.

Kneeling was a sign of honor and respect. He is acknowledging that Jesus has power and authority. There is _____ in that action.

While all this is happening, a woman is cautiously making her way through the crowd toward Jesus. She has had a hemorrhage of blood for 12 years. According to the Law (Lev. 15) she was unclean.

She has come with a measure of _____ mixed with superstition. Her faith was strong enough to cause her to come through the crowd, touch the fringe, and be immediately healed! Don’t _____!

The word “healed” can be translated “made you _____”

While Jesus is talking to this lady.....How do you think Jairus felt? (Do you ever feel Jesus got sidetracked on the way to _____ answer??)

Jesus says to Jairus, “Don’t be afraid, but believe and she will be made whole.”

Some have suggested that Jesus is saying to Jairus – “you see what I just did for that lady – believe I can do it for your daughter, too!” That may have been why Jesus called her out publicly – He knew Jairus needed to hear her testimony!

You never know what your testimony will do to build someone’s faith. Tell your story!!!

II. THE APPLICATIONS

Jairus came openly – the woman came privately. But they both came for what they _____ – and they both came to Jesus!

Jer. 29:13 – “you shall seek Me, and find Me, when you shall search for Me with all your heart.”

Neither of them had _____ faith, but both got their answer. You don’t have to have _____ faith or perfect faith – just the grain of the mustard seed.

Both had to _____ their need. “What do you want Me to do for you?”

You are never just a face in the crowd to Jesus. He cares about YOU – personally and individually.

You will always hear people telling you, “Don’t bother Jesus any more”. But you’ll _____ hear Jesus saying, “Stop bothering Me!”

Even in times of delay, God is _____. Heb. 10:35,36 – “So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what He has promised.”

