# *Third Street Church*

# *Midweek Prayer and Bible Study*

# *Wednesday, June 17, 2020 - 6pm*

**Introductions/ Welcome/ Opening Prayer: Pastor Reid**

**The Word: Mark 5:35-48-** Mark 5:21-43 Good News Translation (GNT)

### Jairus' Daughter and the Woman Who Touched Jesus' Clothes

**21**Jesus went back across to the other side of the lake. There at the lakeside a large crowd gathered around him. **22**Jairus, an official of the local synagogue, arrived, and when he saw Jesus, he threw himself down at his feet **23**and begged him earnestly, “My little daughter is very sick. Please come and place your hands on her, so that she will get well and live!”**24**Then Jesus started off with him. So many people were going along with Jesus that they were crowding him from every side.**25**There was a woman who had suffered terribly from severe bleeding for twelve years, **26**even though she had been treated by many doctors. She had spent all her money, but instead of getting better she got worse all the time. **27**She had heard about Jesus, so she came in the crowd behind him, **28**saying to herself, “If I just touch his clothes, I will get well.”**29**She touched his cloak, and her bleeding stopped at once; and she had the feeling inside herself that she was healed of her trouble. **30**At once Jesus knew that power had gone out of him, so he turned around in the crowd and asked, “Who touched my clothes?”**31**His disciples answered, “You see how the people are crowding you; why do you ask who touched you?”**32**But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. **33**The woman realized what had happened to her, so she came, trembling with fear, knelt at his feet, and told him the whole truth. **34**Jesus said to her, “My daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your trouble.”**35**While Jesus was saying this, some messengers came from Jairus' house and told him, “Your daughter has died. Why bother the Teacher any longer?”

***36Jesus paid no attention to what they said, but told him, “Don't be afraid, only believe*.”** **37**Then he did not let anyone else go on with him except Peter and James and his brother John. **38**They arrived at Jairus' house, where Jesus saw the confusion and heard all the loud crying and wailing. **39**He went in and said to them, “Why all this confusion? Why are you crying? The child is not dead—she is only sleeping!”**40**They started making fun of him, so he put them all out, took the child's father and mother and his three disciples, and went into the room where the child was lying. **41**He took her by the hand and said to her, *“Talitha, koum,”* which means, “Little girl, I tell you to get up!”**42**She got up at once and started walking around. (She was twelve years old.) When this happened, they were completely amazed. **43**But Jesus gave them strict orders not to tell anyone, and he said, “Give her something to eat.”

**Key Verse: Mark 5:*36*** *Jesus paid no attention to what they said, but told him, “Don't be afraid, only believe.”*

***Reflection:***

Before Jesus unknowingly healed the woman who had been suffering for twelve years, he had been on his way to attend to the daughter of Jarius, a ruler of a local synagogue. Every synagogue at the time was managed by a council of elders which was, in turn, presided over by at least one president. Jarius would thus have been an important man in the community.

For him to come to Jesus for aid was a sign of Jesus’ fame, his abilities, or just Jarius’ desperation. The latter would be likely given how he is described as falling at Jesus’ feet. Traditional Christian exegesis insists that Jarius comes to Jesus out of faith and that it is this faith that gives Jesus the ability to perform his miracle.

The name “Jarius” means “He will awaken,” signaling the fictional nature of the story and emphasizing the connection to the later tale about Lazarus. There is a double meaning here: awakening from physical death and awakening from the eternal death of sin in order to see Jesus for who and what he really is.

Once the death of the girl is revealed, people expect Jesus to go on his way — thus far he has only healed the sick, not raised the dead. Jesus, however, refuses to let that dissuade him, despite the fact that people laugh at his presumptuousness. At this point, he performs the biggest miracle thus far: he raises the girl from the dead.

Up until this point Jesus has demonstrated power over religious traditions and laws, over sickness, natural elements, and over uncleanliness. Now he demonstrates power over the ultimate force in human lives: death itself. As a matter of fact, stories of Jesus’ power over death are the ones which tend to have the most emotional force, and it was the belief in his power over his own death which set Christianity up as a new religion.

It is interesting that Jesus returns to his previous methods and instructs everyone to keep quiet about what happened. He started out the chapter by exorcising a Legion of demons from a man whom he told to spread the word about the power of God — a very unusual way to end the story. Here, however, Jesus once again admonishes people that they shouldn’t say anything at all.

In both these stories, people are healed. Jesus can heal us mind, body and soul. Only believe.

Excerpts from: Cline, Austin. (2020, February 11). Jesus Heals Jairus' Daughter (Mark 5:35-43). Retrieved from https://www.learnreligions.com/jesus-heals-jairus-daughter-248692

***Guiding Questions for Bible Study Discussion***

Please feel free to join in during the study we all learn and are studying God’s Word together. This conference call study is not to judge but to support and fellowship as people of faith. We all do not interpret scripture the same, this is one reason we call this bible “study”.

1. Where was Jesus crossing over from? What had happened there?
2. A leap of faith was taken by several people in this scripture story. In your opinion, which characters in this story took a leap of faith?
3. The woman with the blood issue confessed Christ and said, “If I just\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his clothes, I will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” What other character in this story confessed, acknowledged Christ?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-
4. This story closely mirrors one in 2 Kings where the prophet Elisha is visited by a woman who pleads for him to work a miracle by raising her son. What **chapter** and **verses** in **2Kings** do you find this story? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. What were some similarities in these two healing stories? Was the woman’s son dead or sick?
5. The healing of Jarius’ daughter is written in Matthew 9:18-26 and Luke 8:40-56. Can you see differences/similarities in these three gospels? List/share one or two.
6. Having faith and *belief* were major themes throughout these passages. How do these two qualities of the Christian life come together in these healings? In your life today?
7. Jesus removed everyone from the house before he healed Jarius’ daughter. He had three disciples with him. Who were they? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Why do you believe Jesus removed people from the house?
8. We have talked about fear in many scriptures during our studies. How does the reverent fear of The Holy Christ play out in these passages? Who are those that show this reverent fear in Mark 5:35-43?

**Apply God’s Word to your Life:** What healings and/or miracles have you witnessed by God in your life or lives of others? Share a testimony with someone this week. As the songwriter says: *There is no secret what God can do, what he’s done for others, he’ll do for you.*

**What Inspires you these days?**

It may seem like there is little today to inspire us. Hold on to inspiration find it in the midst of troubling times. Where do you find inspiration and hope these days? Is it a song, hymn, scripture or special reading? How has it helped inspire you? If you feel led, please share with the group.

﻿**Faith in Action:**. The physical church doors are closed but we are the distance church wherever we are. Give, share, pray, reach out.  ***We are the Church.*** Reaching out , text, call, email, US mail or virtual, that is our mission as the body of Christ.

**Evening Prayer- Pastor Reid. Let us lift up people/situations in God’s world for prayer *we must know and believe in the power of PRAYER!!***

**Followed by** *The Lord’s Prayer Our Father which art in heaven….*

**Closing Song *: I Believe – Sung by: Mahalia Jackson***

*I believe for every drop of rain that falls
A flower grows
I believe that somewhere in the darkest night
A candle glows
I believe for everyone who goes astray
Someone will come to show the way
I believe above the storm the smallest prayer
Will still be heard*

*I believe that someone in the great somewhere*

*Hears every word*

*Every time I hear a newborn baby cry
Or touch a leaf or see the sky*

*Then I know why, I believe*

***In the midst of all that is going on we must believe in power of Jesus Christ!***

**Words of Sending:**
L: My brothers and Sisters in Christ go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
**ALL: We go in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Thank you for joining our Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer this week!

With the Love of Christ,

Pastor Reid