

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for November 27, 2016

Authority Over Sickness
Mark 5:21-43

I. A request (5:21-24)

²¹ *And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea.*

- Luke 8:40 "Now when Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him."

²² *Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name,*

- Jairus was familiar with Jesus and his ministry
- As synagogue ruler, he would be aware of the various views of Jesus
 - Recently, his peers and equals (Jewish leaders) had accused Jesus of being in league with Satan (Mark 3:22)

and seeing him, he fell at his feet ²³ and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." ²⁴ And he went with him.

- It is shocking for this synagogue ruler to respond in this way to Jesus!
- Imagine the hardship and struggle with his sick 12 year old girl
- Matthew 9:18 "While he was saying these things to them, behold, a ruler came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.'"
- Luke 8:42 "for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying."
- Notice his confidence that Jesus could heal her
 - "Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live"

II. A resolution (5:24-34)

A. The background (5:24-26)

And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him. ²⁵ And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, ²⁶ and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse.

- Imagine the hardship for this woman:
 - Bleeding with an unknown cause
 - Continued for 12 years
 - No doctors were able to help
 - She had spent all that she had on physicians

- Luke 8:43 “And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, and though she had spent all her living on physicians, she could not be healed by anyone.”

- Condition only grew worse
- Remained “unclean” as an outcast from society (Leviticus 15:19)
- Potential to make others “unclean”

B. The boldness (5:27-28)

²⁷ She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. ²⁸ For she said, “If I touch even his garments, I will be made well.”

- She heard the reports of this healer/man of God in Galilee
- She resolved to touch his garments so as to cause the least amount of commotion and attention as possible
- She had faith that simply touching this man’s garments would heal her

C. The bewilderment (5:29-32)

²⁹ And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰ And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my garments?” ³¹ And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, ‘Who touched me?’ ” ³² And he looked around to see who had done it.

- “Immediately” characteristic of Jesus’ healings
- She felt the healing
- Though she tried to be stealth, Jesus noticed the healing
- Jesus asking who touched Him seems to be a silly question!
- Was Jesus legitimately wondering who touched Him?
 - Jesus knew what happened
 - Jesus asked to provide opportunity for this woman to verbalize her faith and bear testimony before the pressing crowds

D. The broadcast (5:33-34)

³³ But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. ³⁴ And he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

- The woman responded in fear
 - She had experienced the power of Christ and she had actually been healed!
- She proceeded to fall down and utter the whole truth

- Jesus responds with affection, “Daughter”
- Jesus makes an example out of her faith for all to see
- This woman can finally “go in peace”
 - No longer suffering constant physical affliction
 - No longer doomed to life as an outcast

III. A resurrection (5:35-43)

A. The depressed father (5:35-36)

³⁵ *While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler’s house some who said, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?”*

- This would be devastating news to Jairus
- Bad timing of Jesus is similar to the delay in John 11 with the death of Lazarus

³⁶ *But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.”*

- “overhearing” or “ignoring” as some translations have
- “Do not fear” → Once again, fear is the enemy of faith
- “Only believe” → Faith that endures is what Jesus calls for from Jairus

B. The doubtful friends (5:37-40)

³⁷ *And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James.*

- Jesus kept the group small
 - House was only so big?
 - He was being selective about who He was revealing Himself to at this point?
 - He was establishing “inner 3”?
 - Ultimately, we do not know why he only selected the three

³⁸ *They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly.*

- Common cultural practice of mourning in Judaism
- Jeremiah 9:17-18 “Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘Consider, and call for the mourning women to come; send for the skillful women to come; 18 let them make haste and raise a wailing over us, that our eyes may run down with tears and our eyelids flow with water.’”
- Amos 5:16 “... and to wailing those who are skilled in lamentation,”
- Matthew 9:23 “And when Jesus came to the ruler’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion,”

³⁹ *And when he had entered, he said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping."* ⁴⁰ *And they laughed at him.*

- Jesus confronts the mourning party that had already begun for the girl
- Jesus says that the child is not dead but "sleeping"
 - "Sleeping" is a euphemism for death in the bible
 - 1 Thessalonians 4 and 1 Corinthians 15
 - Jesus states confidently that this girl's death is not permanent
 - Jesus has greater plans that involve this girl not dying yet
- The mourning party laughs at Jesus!
 - Insensitive given the current situation
 - Understandable because Jesus sounds a little crazy at this moment

C. The dumbfounded family (5:40-43)

⁴⁰ *And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was.* ⁴¹ *Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise."*

- Mark gives us vivid detail because Peter could not forget this event
 - Jesus affectionately takes the girl's hand
 - Jesus' words in Aramaic "Talitha cumi"
- Mark translates the words for his Roman audience

⁴² *And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement.*

- Full recovery for this 12 year old girl
- Again, a response of amazement, awe, and fear at Jesus' authority

⁴³ *And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.*

- Jesus gives instructions on two levels
 - No one should know about this event
 - Hard to do since the town thought she was dead
 - Matthew 9:26 "And the report of this went through all that district."
 - Nonetheless, Jesus trying to remain humble in all of His ministry
 - Also, Jesus was not interested in giving more information to people who already rejected Him
 - Get the girl something to eat
 - Jesus immediately cared also for the physical health of the girl