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“Who Touched Me?”

Mark 5:25-34

SUMMARY

We continue our sermon series this week on the Questions Jesus Asks with the question, “Who Touched Me?” This question was asked after power went out from him and a woman who had been hemorrhaging for years was instantly healed.

The passage begins with a woman who had been suffering from a hemorrhage for twelve years. She had sought medical help but only grew worse. Hearing about Jesus, she believed that if she could just touch his cloak, she would be healed. When she touched his cloak, her bleeding stopped, and she felt healed. Jesus, feeling power go out from him, turned around and asked who had touched him. The woman, afraid and trembling, came forward and confessed. Jesus commended her faith and told her she was healed.

Meanwhile, messengers arrived from Jairus' house, informing him that his daughter had died. Jesus encouraged Jairus not to fear but to believe. When they arrived at the house, mourners were already there. Jesus told them the girl was not dead but sleeping, and they laughed at him. Jesus took the girl's parents and Peter, James, and John into the room where she lay and raised her from the dead, telling her to arise. The girl got up and began to walk, astonishing those present. Jesus instructed them to give her something to eat and not to tell anyone what had happened.

Jesus heals two women in this text in Mark 5. One enjoyed the center of community life, while the other lived on the margins. This sermon explores how each had to take a different path to find Jesus' healing touch. However, how Jesus heals and the timing of his healing reveals so much of Jesus's power and his character. It also reveals that Jesus asks each of us to give more than we might expect. We also discover that Jesus gives more than we may dream.

QUOTES/THOUGHTS FROM THE SERMON:

“In light of heaven, the worst suffering on earth will be seen to be no more serious than one night in an inconvenient hotel.” - Saint Teresa Of Avila

“If the Lord Jehovah makes us wait, let us do so with our whole hearts; for blessed are all they that wait for Him. He is worth waiting for. The waiting itself is beneficial to us: it tries faith, exercises patience, trains submission, and endears the blessing when it comes. The Lord's people have always been a waiting people” - Charles Spurgeon

“Biblically, waiting is not just something we have to do until we get what we want. Waiting is part of the process of becoming what God wants us to be.”— John Ortberg

QUESTIONS

Which of the ‘Quotes and Thoughts from the Sermon’ (see above) surprises, encourages, or challenges you the most...and why?

From the sermon or your direct reading of Mark 5, share something that surprises, encourages, or troubles you.

What is the longest wait you have ever had?

Why do you think Jesus asked, "Who touched me?" even though he knew who had touched him?

How do fear and faith interact in this passage, both for the woman and for Jairus?

How does Jesus' interaction with both the woman and Jairus reflect his concern for people from different social statuses?

What is one thing Jesus might want you to learn from this study?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

Share a time when you experienced healing, whether physical, emotional, or spiritual. Pray for one another, asking for faith and healing in areas of need.