

Mrk17 – Desperate Faith – Mark 5:21-43

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Today – we see **Part 3** – of Mark’s “**TRILOGY teaching**”
on the **ABSOLUTE POWER** of **Jesus Christ**

1st – we **saw Jesus** Demonstrate **ABSOLUTE POWER**
over **Nature**
& over the **Circumstantial Storms** in our lives

2nd – We **saw Jesus** Demonstrate **ABSOLUTE POWER**
over the **Demonic Realm**
& over **Spiritual Warfare Storms** in our lives

3rd (today) – We **see Jesus** Demonstrate **ABSOLUTE POWER**
over **Sickness & Death**
over **what we view** as the **Final Storm**

AND – we are **going** to see **The BLESSING**
of us **having** - **DESPERATE FAITH**

DESPERATE FAITH
in **WHO Jesus IS** - & in **WHAT Jesus can DO**

Are you ready? - - - **Let’s Pray**

Today – the **Holy Spirit** intertwines **2 SEPARATE STORIES**
of **Desperate Faith** & **Miraculous Healing**

in Two people - who could NOT Possibly Be
further APART from one another
on the SOCIAL LADDER

One man – at the top of the Social/Religious Ladder

One Woman – who is Sooo Far BELOW
the BOTTOM of the SOCIAL LADDER

that she would need a HELICOPTER RIDE
just to get to the bottom rung of that Ladder

But – they have one CRITICAL THING in Common

They Both SHOW US
WHAT DESPERATE FAITH – Looks like

THAT'S what I PRAY you to SEE today –
WHAT Desperate Faith – LOOKS LIKE

We start in Mark 5:21 (NLT)

21 Jesus got into the boat again (after delivering the demon-possessed man) and went back to the other side of the lake, where a large crowd gathered around him on the shore.

Everyone agrees, Jesus is now
back in CAPERNAUM - his home town

A LOT had **happened** in the **past** few **days**

THE STORM had almost **taken** the **Disciples lives**

& The **ARMY OF DEMONS** had **shaken them** to the **core**

& **now** – **Just AS** they **dock** the boat

a **LARGE CROWD** immediately **SWARMS** around **Jesus**

But **then** - **suddenly**

the **crowd** gets **QUIET** - & the **PEOPLE PART**

in order to **make way** – for the **Leader** of the **Synagogue**
to **REACH Jesus**

Mark 5:22(a) (NLT)

22 Then a leader of the local synagogue, whose name was Jairus, arrived . . .

[SYNAGOGUE PICTURE]

Synagogue - **4th century** – **Byzantine** church

Built directly **matching** the **foundation** of the **synagogue**

We are **reading** about **here**

I just **want** you to **know** – the **places**

where these **events** **occurred** – **ARE VERY REAL**

So - Mark 5:22 (again) & 23 (NLT)

22 Then a leader of the local synagogue, whose name was Jairus, arrived. When he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet,

23 pleading fervently with him. “My little daughter is dying,” he said. “Please come and lay your hands on her; heal her so she can live.”

The **crowd** is now - **RIVETED IN SILENCE**

Because - This was the **Synagogue leader**

He **DID NOT Plead** with people

PEOPLE Plead with him

Everyone knew - The Jewish **RELIGIOUS LEADERS**

were **SET AGAINST** Jesus

Yet - this **Synagogue** leader was **KNEELING**

at the **FEET** of Jesus - **PLEADING** Fervently **with him**

“My little daughter is dying,” - “Please come . . . and heal her so she can live.”

This was an **INCREDIBLE SIGHT** for the **crowd** to see

BUT – WE SHOULDN'T THINK

That this **Synagogue leader**

was a **DEVOTED FOLLOW** of Jesus – **at least NOT YET**

Right Here – Right Now

this was a FATHER - with DESPERATE FAITH

He'd SEEN some of the miracles of Jesus

He'd HEARD about many more of them

& he had – a Desperate Enough Faith

to Humble himself – To COME & KNEEL before Jesus

& PLEAD with Jesus - to heal his daughter

& - Isn't that SIMILAR – for SOME OF US?

Most of US – DID NOT initially come to Jesus

as Committed, Faithful, Followers

MANY OF US – initially came to Jesus

In DESPERATION - didn't we?

Maybe you had “a DESPERATE FAITH”

when You Reached Out Jesus

IF SO . . . then you know

Jesus will NOT turn you away

when you COME to Him -

Humbling Yourself – in DESPERATE FAITH

When you come to Jesus – in that way
Jesus will receive you - & he will walk with you

JUST AS he did here - with Jairus, the Synagogue Leader

Continuing in Mark 5:24 (NLT)

24 Jesus went with him, and all the people followed, crowding around him.

Jesus SEES Jairus' HEART

& Jesus KNOWS - Jairus is being DRIVEN
by his "DESPERATE FAITH"

& so, without ANY other Requirements
Jesus agrees to WALK with him – to his home

BUT – the Crowd had grown LARGER
& more INTENSE

Especially when the people saw the LEADER of the Synagogue
BOWING at Jesus' feet

& so – the MOVEMENT of the crowd
had slowed to a CRAWL

& then . . . suddenly . . .
EVERYTHING came to a GRINDING HALT

Because **THERE WAS A WOMAN** in the **crowd** that **day**
who **also** had "**DESPERATE FAITH**"

& - **although** they were **on** - **EXTREME Separate ENDS**
of the **SOCIAL LADDER**

BOTH these **people**

Were in the **SAME PLACE** with **Jesus**, on **that day**

Mark 5:25-26 (NLT)

*25 A woman in the crowd had suffered for **twelve years** with constant bleeding.*

*26 She had suffered a great deal from **many doctors**, and over the years she had spent everything she had to pay them, but she had gotten no better. In fact, she had gotten worse.*

This woman was - **The Exact Opposite**
of **Jairus** the **Synagogue Leader**

This Woman - was a **Complete Social Outcast**

Her **illness** had **rendered** her
UNCLEAN & **UNAPPROACHABLE** for **12 yrs**

& **according** to the **Jewish law**
She was a **Transmitter Of Uncleanness**

& so **no Religious Jew** - was **allowed** to **Touch** her

She was **OSTRACIZED** from **Society**
& **BARRED** from the **Synagogue** - **Jairus** was the **Leader** of

& when **V.26** says - ***She had suffered a great deal from many doctors - & spent everything she had - & only gotten worse***

**DON'T make the mistake
of envisioning ***OUR Doctors*** today**

**The TALMUD tells us - What the Rabbi's had instructed
the Doctors to do in the case of this trouble**

Take the gum of Alexandria, & the alum of Alexandria (a mineral), and crocus (flower). Let them be [mashed] together, and given in wine to the woman that has an issue of blood. If this does not benefit take three Persian onions; boil them in wine, and give her to drink, and say "Arise from thy flux."

If this does not cure her, set her in a place where two ways meet, and let her hold a cup of wine in her right hand, and let some one come behind and frighten her, and say, "Arise from thy flux."
(Vincent Word Studies)

In another option, the Talmud says – Let the afflicted woman carry a barley corn kernel which has been taken from the droppings of a white female donkey! (W. Barclay)

& so - **After 12 years of THAT Nonsense**

This woman was **HELPLESS, HOPELESS, ALONE, OSTRACIZED,**
and **DYING – Physically, Emotionally, Spiritually**

BUT – Just as **Jairus** – at the **TOP** of the **Social Ladder**
Had a **DESPERATE FAITH**

So this woman – who **was**
FAR BELOW the **BOTTOM** of the **Social Ladder**

ALSO had a **DESPERATE FAITH**

Cont'g - Mark 5:27-28 (NLT)

27 She had heard about Jesus, so she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his robe.

28 For she thought to herself, “If I can just touch his robe, I will be healed.”

After 12 YEARS of **Crazy Potions & Rituals**

This woman was **SO DESPERATE** to **receive** a **Healing**

She thought – *if I can only fight thru the crowd
to TOUCH his ROBE – I will be healed*

& **so** - with her **HEAD DOWN & COVERED**
so no one would **RECOGNIZE** her

She **PRESSED** & **MANEUVERED** & **POSITIONED** herself
until she **had** a **chance**

& **when She Did** – she **REACHED OUT**
& **TOUCHED** the **ROBE** of the **MIRACLE HEALER**

& then we read in Mark 5:29 (NLT)

29 Immediately the bleeding stopped, and she could feel in her body that she had been healed of her terrible condition.

After **12 agonizing years** - she could **instantly feel**

he **HEALING POWER** of Jesus

RUSH thru **body** - & **SHE WAS HEALED!**

THE SAME Power that **Stilled** the Life-**Threatening STORM**

THE SAME Power that **Stilled** the **Demonized Man**

THAT SAME Power – had **Healed** her **Incurable ILLNESS**

But then - Mark 5:30-32 (NLT)

30 Jesus realized at once that healing power had gone out from him, so he turned around in the crowd and asked, “Who touched my robe?” (acting as if he didn’t know)

31 His disciples said to him, “Look at this crowd pressing around you. How can you ask, ‘Who touched me?’ ”

32 But he kept on looking around to see who had done it. (not that he didn’t know, but that he couldn’t see her)

The **Disciples** were **Dumbfounded** by the **Question**

“Who Touched Me?”

& **Poor Jairus** – is **now GOING CRAZY**

Jairus is **DYING INSIDE** –
knowing that his **daughter** is **DYING AT HOME**

& **he's thinking** – *Jesus – My daughter is out of time
& you're stopping to play – “Who touched my Robe?”*

& - **at the same time** - the **woman** is **FEELING**
the worst **DOUBLE EDGED SWORD CONFUSION**

Should I be THRILLED that I've been **HEALED**

Or **Should I be SCARED** - that the **Healer** is going to **KILL me**
for **SNEAKING** in on a **Healing** ??

So we read in Mark 5:30-32 (NLT)

33 Then the frightened woman, trembling at the realization of what had happened to her, came and fell to her knees in front of [Jesus] and told him what she had done.

& now – **moments after** the **Synagogue Leader**
was just **HUMBLY** on **HIS KNEES** before the **Savior**

Now – **the Woman** - on the furthest **OPPOSITE END**
of the **Social Spectrum**

was in the **SAME PLACE**
with the same **DESPERATE FAITH**

Guys - both Jairus **AND** this Woman had
FOUGHT THRU SERIOUS OBSTACLES - to **GET to Jesus**

Just As the Demon-Possessed man
FOUGHT THRU his Demonic Obstacles to **GET to Jesus**

Both Jairus **AND** the Woman
had **THROWN** all their **FEARS & CONCERNS** aside

& **they** had both **presented themselves** before Jesus
in **HUMBLE, DESPERATE FAITH**

& Jesus WILL NOT Disappoint them

& **AS** this **Desperate & Frightened** Woman
is **TREMBLING** before the **MIRACLE HEALER**

I **could NOT SEE** Jesus – **asking** her to **STAND**

but I **COULD see** Jesus **KNEELING Down**
in the Dirt – with **her**

With the **crowd** (& **Jairus**)
IN SHOCK at what was **happening**

I can **see Jesus** - **KNEELING** with her –
MEETING her Right where **SHE Was At**

& - maybe TAKING her "Previously Un-Touchable" hand
& LOOKING her in the eyes

We then we read in Mark 5:34 (NLT)

*34 And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well.
Go in peace. Your suffering is over."*

"Daughter, your FAITH has made you well"

Your DESPERATE Faith

Your IMMATURE Faith

Your INCOMPLETE Faith

Your FAITH has made you well. Go in peace.

Your suffering is over.

So often – It is our DESPERATE, INCOMPLETE, IMMATURE Faith
that DRIVES US to Jesus

Often – IN RESPONSE to Some Great NEED

we FIGHT THRU Whatever we need to FIGHT THRU
in order to REACH JESUS

Just as the Demonized Man did - in the last msg

& Just as BOTH Jairus & this Woman - are doing here

**We MUST FIGHT THRU – Whatever our Circumstances ARE
in order to REACH Jesus !**

**DON'T ever fear - PRESSING IN
& Fighting thru your Circumstances - To REACH Jesus**

WHAT we MUST FEAR

is Allowing Jesus to PASS BY
WITHOUT us pressing in to REACH him

& when Jesus SEES your DESPERATE FAITH

He Will RESPOND

& he will TAKE - that "Desperate Faith" – & he will USE IT

to DRAW you CLOSER to him
& to SPEAK HEALING into your life
& to CHANGE YOU for Eternity

**THAT is what is happening to this Woman
After 12 YEARS of Desperation!**

**& She will NEVER be the Same
after her DESPERATE Faith Encounter with Jesus**

**BUT – Jairus is STILL THERE
& Jairus' Daughter is STILL DYING**

& after WATCHING this miracle OCCUR in front of his eyes

**Jairus must've been - all the more ANXIOUS
to get Jesus to his DAUGHTER**

But then - Mark 5:35 says (NLT)

35 While [Jesus] was still speaking to [the woman], messengers arrived from the home of Jairus, the leader of the synagogue. They told him, "Your daughter is dead. There's no use troubling the Teacher now."

**& you could SEE the BLOOD DRAIN from Jairus' face –
his HEAD DROPS to his chest**

**maybe he AGAIN FELL to his KNEES –
but this time – in total loss & hopelessness**

**& maybe Jesus again – STOOPS DOWN in the dirt
In order to LOOK this man in the eyes**

**& - WITH the same Compassion & Love
as he gave the woman**

(who was probably still kneeling on the ground near him)

We read in Mark 5:36 (NLT)

36 But Jesus overheard them and said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid. Just have faith."

& Just As Jesus had taken
the DESPERATE FAITH of the Woman

& USED IT to DRAW her close to himself

Now Jesus was going to DO THAT - & MORE
with Jairus the Synagogue leader

Jairus came – with DESPERATE and IMMATURE Faith
Asking Jesus – to HEAL his Daughter

But NOW JESUS is going to STRETCH Jairus' faith

to Believe that the MIRACLE HEALER
can RAISE his daughter – FROM THE DEAD!

Cont'g in - Mark 5:37-39 (NLT)

37 Then Jesus stopped the crowd and wouldn't let anyone go with him except Peter, James, and John (the brother of James).

38 When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw much commotion and weeping and wailing.

39 He went inside and asked, "Why all this commotion and weeping? The child isn't dead; she's only asleep."

What in the World is Jesus DOING HERE?

What do you mean – She's ONLY Asleep, Jesus?
Are you messing with these people?

Maybe . . . I don't know

But **Certainly** Jesus is **saying** –

It's **GOING TO BE** only **as if she** were **ASLEEP**

Because Jesus – is about - to WAKE her UP

But – as **you would imagine**

the **crowd DIDN'T APPRECIATE**

Jesus' **PLAY on WORDS** – about **the Girl** Being **ASLEEP**

Mark 5:40 (NLT)

40 The crowd laughed at him. But he made them all leave, and he took the girl's father and mother and his three disciples into the room where the girl was lying.

There is **SOME FORCE** implied here

in **making** all the **people leave**

Which is **CLASSIC Jesus**

He responds with **STRENGTH to the PROUD**

& **GRACE to the HUMBLE**

& **so** – with **Jairus** (the Synagogue Leader).

& **his wife**, & the **inner 3 Disciples**

We read in Mark 5:41 (NLT)

41 Holding her hand, [Jesus] said to her, “Talitha koum,” which means “Little girl, get up!”

We've said it before – Peter is most likely RELAYING
THESE EVENTS to Mark – as Mark writes

& Peter remembers – VIVIDLY

SO VIVIDLY that he speaks the words
in Aramaic – the Language of Jesus

“Talitha kum,” - “Little girl, get up!”

& - maybe - after a moment of PIN-DROP Silence
With EVERYONE focused intensely on the young girl

Maybe – someone saw an EYELID TWITCH - & they gasp
& then – Her eyes Fluttered - & OPENED

& the first thing this little girl saw
Was the FACE of JESUS

Just like WE WILL
IF our Faith is IN JESUS - when we die

& then - Mark 5:42-43 (NLT)

*42 And the girl, who was twelve years old, immediately stood up
and walked around! They were overwhelmed and totally amazed.*

*43 Jesus gave them strict orders not to tell anyone what had
happened (because the crowd was already unmanageable), and then
he told them to give her something to eat. (which MIGHT BE what
you hope Jesus says when you wake up in his presence)*

Guys - There's TWO things we have to see here

**#1 – Jesus has ABSOLUTE, UNDENIABLE, POWER
over SICKNESS and DEATH**

The **GREATEST POWER** Being – **When** we **DO DIE**
from **Sickness** or **something else**

We will **WAKE UP** in the **PRESENCE** of **Jesus**
(***& maybe he'll give us something to EAT***)

#2 – The **Second thing I Pray** you **SEE here** is

JESUS RESPONDS – TO DESPERATE FAITH

Jairus & the Woman – Were **Extreme Opposites IN LIFE**

BUT - The **One thing** they had in **Common**
was their **DESPERATE FAITH** in **Jesus Christ**

NOT Mature Faith

NOT Complete Faith

NOT even necessarily CORRECT Faith

But they had **DESPERATE FAITH**

& Jesus Responded to them **BOTH**
with **Miraculous Healing** & **Resurrection**

& **I Promise you** today

If **YOU** will **COME** to Jesus
With **TRUE Desperate Faith**

Jesus **WILL Respond** to you

With **EITHER - Miraculous Healing** in **THIS LIFE**
(*which is the Lessor healing*)

OR he will **Respond** to **you** with **ETERNAL HEALING**
(*which is the Greater healing*)

FIGHT THRU what you **Need** to **FIGHT THRU**
In **order** to **Get to Jesus**

Then - **FALL at his feet** – **HUMBLY**
With your **DESPERATE FAITH**

& **Jesus** will **NOT turn you away**

He will **Draw you close** to himself
& He will **GIVE YOU** – **NEW LIFE**

Let's Pray