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No Fear

Mark 4:35-5:43

Marvel Series

Life Change: We know the fear of God and no fear of anything else.

A heart-clenching moment of abject terror...

No catastrophe can upset Jesus.

4:35-41

The problem was serious.

Nonetheless, panic is pointless.

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Faith is the issue.

No demonization or mental illness can stop Jesus.

5:1-20

This poor man is a mess.

The city's response is inexcusable.

Obedience is the issue.

Death and disease are no match for Jesus.

5:21-43

These were horrible hurts.

Not bad medicine, chronic pain, or even death stops Jesus.

Falling at Jesus' feet is the issue.

Through his mighty works Jesus shows himself sovereign over the forces that are hostile...[Storms], demons, disease, and death strike fear and hopelessness into the hearts of people. Mark's first-century readers were facing persecution and hostility. Through this series of stories, he assures them that Jesus has power over everything they fear! He can calm the sea, he can cast out demons, he can heal diseases, he can raise the dead. They should trust him in the midst of the desperate situations of life. – Scott Duvall and Danny Hays, *Grasping God's Word*

Jesus' compassionate miracles seem to have been done both in response to faith and to produce faith in Him as Messiah. – Martin MacDonald



Marvel

a study of Mark 1-8

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courtesy Rhett Faulkner



courtesy KRON4



courtesy Nevada Highway Patrol



courtesy 20th Century Fox

Mark 4

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I find it amazing that the Lord should bring this message at this time. What could be more appropriate on a national or personal level? This section [contains] fear of nature, fear of demons, fear of judgment (felt by both the demons and the Gadarenes) fear of sickness, fear of death. In a sense these encompass all our fears.

– David Wade

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What cause could
they have to be
scared? Jesus is in
their boat, for
goodness sake!





Matthew 28

**20 “...Behold,
I am with you always,
to the end of the age.”
ESV**

What is a serious, real problem that can swamp you with fear?

- **My child is sick. (3)**
- **My company is retracting/get laid-off/business failing. (3)**
- **I am forgetting things and am terrified of being locked up in some memory care facility.**
- **My kids aren't walking with Christ at all.**
- **COVID-19 and the fact that people won't all wear masks.**
- **The results of the election are horrifying.**

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Storm on the Sea of Galilee
Rembrandt van Rijn
1633





Video here

**[https://www.youtube.com/
watch?v=6lsG7GVJGG0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6lsG7GVJGG0)**

**16:43 – 17:28 stop
immediately after “I am
going to DIE!”**

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Bible Software



Bob Pritchett

courtesy Bob Pritchett; Faithlife

Sometimes I worry. I worry about catching COVID-19. I worry about being able to meet payroll if sales fall. I worry about letting down Faithlife's employees, customers, and investors. I worry about disappointing my wife, going bankrupt, needing a job, losing the house, and being embarrassed by bad decisions or poor judgment or having 'failed' in business.

But I don't [panic]. Because I've read a lot of history, I know that scary unknowns aren't unique to our present circumstances. We actually live with a lot more knowledge, understanding, and predictability than people have throughout history. (We don't worry, for example, that the neighboring people group will invade and kill us all next week. Our cities don't need walls.)

And when that historical perspective seems too remote to speak to my scary circumstances, I think about my [grandmother] Wanda, who lived through pandemics and depressions and the fall of empires, who saw the rise of Hitler and the destruction of Europe and who served as a nurse in a war on the other side of the world and then came home to bring children into a world of horrible diseases and the fear of nuclear annihilation.



And I think about how this woman who saw the world turned upside down more than once is the same woman I knew as “Mom-Mom”, who tended her flower garden every day and gave me chocolates and liked to put cheddar-cheese-spread on toasted English muffins, which I loved. And who loaned some of the money that let me quit my job and work full time on Logos Bible Software, which helps scholars sitting in their homes study records stored in libraries around the world.

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**Mom-mom [Wanda] with her
great-grandchildren in 2006**



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They miss the power of no fear because they know fear of catastrophe instead of knowing fear of God. When one knows fear of God only one needn't know fear of anything else. That person then can truly have no fear of anything on earth.



“Waves breaking over the boat” indicates a lack of speed for going over big rollers.



courtesy Getty

Mark 5

¹ They came to the other side of the sea, to the region of the Gerasenes. ² As soon as he got out of the boat, a man with an unclean spirit came out of the tombs and met him. ³ He lived in the tombs, and no one was able to restrain him anymore—not even with a chain—⁴ because he often had been bound with shackles and chains, but had torn the chains apart and smashed the shackles. No one was strong enough to subdue him.

Mark 5

⁵ Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains, he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones.

⁶ When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and knelt down before him. ⁷ And he cried out with a loud voice, “What do you have to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you before God, don’t torment me!” ⁸ For he had told him, “Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!”

Mark 5

⁹ “What is your name?” he asked him.

“My name is Legion,” he answered him, “because we are many.” ¹⁰ And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the region.

¹¹ A large herd of pigs was there, feeding on the hillside.

¹² The demons begged him, “Send us to the pigs, so that we may enter them.” ¹³ So he gave them permission, and the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs. The herd of about two thousand rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned there.

Mark 5

¹⁴ The men who tended them ran off and reported it in the town and the countryside, and people went to see what had happened. ¹⁵ They came to Jesus and saw the man who had been demon-possessed, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid.

¹⁶ Those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and told about the pigs. ¹⁷ Then they began to beg him to leave their region.

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The Gadarene Daemoniac
Léonard Gaultier
ca. 1576





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James 3

¹⁴ But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your heart, don't boast and deny the truth. ¹⁵ Such wisdom does not come down from above but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ^{CSB}





courtesy Universal

Mark 5

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Luke 8

35 Then people went out to see what had happened. They came to Jesus and found the man the demons had departed from, sitting at Jesus's feet, dressed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.

36 Meanwhile, the eyewitnesses reported to them how the demon-possessed man was delivered.

37 Then all the people of the Gerasene region asked him to leave them, because they were gripped by great fear. So getting into the boat, he returned. ^{CSB}

Mark 5

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Jerash – largest city in the Decapolis



courtesy Janna Braudrick

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**Surely it is plain to the simplest intelligence that *To Kill a Mockingbird* spells out in words of seldom more than two syllables a code of honor and conduct, Christian in its ethic, that is the heritage of all Southerners.
– Harper Lee in the New York Times
January 6, 1966**

Mark 5

²¹ When Jesus had crossed over again by boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the sea. ²² One of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet ²³ and begged him earnestly, “My little daughter is dying. Come and lay your hands on her so that she can get well and live.” ²⁴ So Jesus went with him, and a large crowd was following and pressing against him. ²⁵ Now a woman suffering from bleeding for twelve years

Mark 5

²⁶ had endured much under many doctors. She had spent everything she had and was not helped at all. On the contrary, she became worse. ²⁷ Having heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his clothing. ²⁸ For she said, “If I just touch his clothes, I’ll be made well.” ²⁹ Instantly her flow of blood ceased, and she sensed in her body that she was healed of her affliction.

³⁰ Immediately Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and said,

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“Who touched my clothes?”

³¹ His disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing against you, and yet you say, ‘Who touched me?’”

³² But he was looking around to see who had done this.

³³ The woman, with fear and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴ “Daughter,” he said to her, “your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be healed from your affliction.”

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³⁵ While he was still speaking, people came from the synagogue leader's house and said, "Your daughter is dead. Why bother the teacher anymore?"

³⁶ When Jesus overheard what was said, he told the synagogue leader, "Don't be afraid. Only believe." ³⁷ He did not let anyone accompany him except Peter, James, and John, James's brother. ³⁸ They came to the leader's house, and he saw a commotion—people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹ He went in and said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep."

Mark 5

40 They laughed at him, but he put them all outside. He took the child's father, mother, and those who were with him, and entered the place where the child was. **41** Then he took the child by the hand and said to her, "*Talitha koum*" (which is translated, "Little girl, I say to you, get up"). **42** Immediately the girl got up and began to walk. (She was twelve years old.) At this they were utterly astounded. **43** Then he gave them strict orders that no one should know about this and told them to give her something to eat. ^{CSB}

Mark 5:21-43 arrangement

Jairus



Bleeding woman



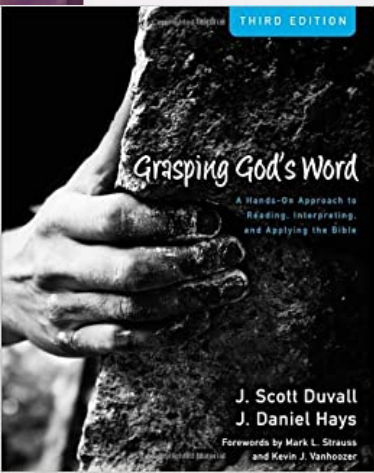
Jairus' girl



Mark 5:21-43 comparison/contrast

- **Jairus is a man**
- **His daughter is female**
- **Jairus asks for help publicly**

- **The bleeding lady is a woman**
- **The woman silently reaches out**



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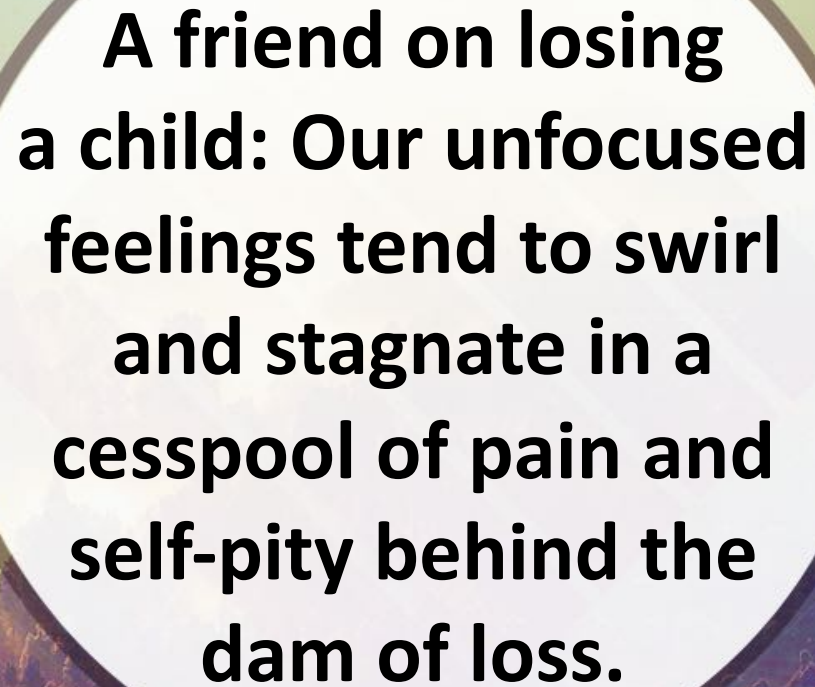


Bleeding woman



*The healing of
Jairus' daughter*
Gabriel von Max
1885





**A friend on losing
a child: Our unfocused
feelings tend to swirl
and stagnate in a
cesspool of pain and
self-pity behind the
dam of loss.**



courtesy CBS News

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Romans 6

**⁵ For if we have been united with him
in the likeness of his death,
we will certainly also be
in the likeness of his resurrection. ^{CSB}**



From: FRC

To: WB

**This pandemic will
lead to greatly
increased friction in
marriages.**

<i>The coronavirus pandemic...</i>	% agree	% disagree
Has made me question the strength of my relationship.	13	62
Has increased stress in my relationship.	25	45
Has deepened my commitment to my relationship.	47	9
Has made me appreciate my partner more.	56	10

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**Jehu king of Israel
prostrate before
Shalmaneser III of
Assyria**

DEAR MISS MANNERS: As an American, if I meet the Queen of England, am I required to bow to her?

GENTLE READER: Where were you during history class? Never mind. Here is what you missed:

We Americans fought a revolution against the British crown. As Miss Manners trusts that you will be relieved to hear, we won. Therefore, we do not prostrate ourselves before someone who is not our sovereign — just as the British bow to no sovereign but their own.



But we do not even bow to our own leaders. Although we believe that all human beings are worthy of respect, we do not believe that any one of them is born at a higher level than the rest of us. Therefore, we perform the symbolic gesture of bending our knees in subservience only to the Almighty.

Why are all these stories considered one connected section of thought?



4:35-41

Jesus displays power over the storm

Faith is the issue

5:1-20

Jesus removes a legion of demons

Obedience is the big idea

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Jesus heals two women from disease/death

Falling at Jesus feet is the key

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Men in boat: fearful without trust/fear & ? response

Demoniac: unable to trust/faithful response

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