

# Encounters with the Christ

## Week 6: Stuck in the Waiting Room – Mark 5:21-42

**Weekly Summary:** When God's timetable doesn't align with our own, we tend to get frustrated with him. "Why won't he heal me? Why won't he bring me happiness? Doesn't he see me? Doesn't he care about me?" Some become so certain the reason God isn't listening is because he isn't there at all. But Jesus shows us just in today's lesson just how much God tenderly cares for each person he has created. His sense of timing may not match yours ... because his timing and his plans are far *better* than your own.

- God's timetable seldom \_\_\_\_\_ with your own.
  
- ❖ **Mark 5:21-24a** – When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. <sup>22</sup>Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. <sup>23</sup>He pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." <sup>24</sup>So Jesus went with him.
  
- ❖ **Mark 5:24b-26** – A large crowd followed and pressed around him. <sup>25</sup>And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. <sup>26</sup>She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse.
  
- ❖ **Mark 5:27-29** – When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup>because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." <sup>29</sup>Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.
  
- ❖ **Mark 5:30-31** – At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?" <sup>31</sup>"You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?'"
  
- ❖ **Mark 5:32** – But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it.
  
- ❖ **Mark 5:33** – Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth.
  
- ❖ **Mark 5:34** – He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

- ❖ **Mark 5:35** – While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. “Your daughter is dead,” they said. “Why bother the teacher anymore?”
- ❖ **Mark 5:36** – Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, “Don’t be afraid; just believe.”
  - Remember: Jesus doesn’t ask you to \_\_\_\_\_ him; he asks you to \_\_\_\_\_ him.
- ❖ **Mark 5:37-40a** – He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. <sup>38</sup> When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup> He went in and said to them, “Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep.” <sup>40</sup> But they laughed at him.
- ❖ **Mark 5:40b-42** – After he put them all out, he took the child’s father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup> He took her by the hand and said to her, “*Talitha koum!*” (which means “Little girl, I say to you, get up!”). <sup>42</sup> Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished.
  - **Big Idea:** Jesus will \_\_\_\_\_ for more than you planned on \_\_\_\_\_.  
Jesus will \_\_\_\_\_ more than you were \_\_\_\_\_.
- ❖ **Mark 5:30a** – At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him.
  - **Gospel Point:** Jesus is willing to become \_\_\_\_\_ to make you \_\_\_\_\_.
  - “Talitha koum”:
  - Considering the power and love of Jesus, why would I want to \_\_\_\_\_ him?

## Homework for the Upcoming Week

1. How do you feel like you’re “stuck in the waiting room” waiting for God to show up? How have you felt that way in the past? Did what you were worrying about turn out? Or did God have different plans?
2. Can you think of any other times when God gave you a blessing greater than you had been hoping to get? What can we remember, even when life doesn’t always feel that blessed for us?
3. Why is it worth giving Jesus whatever he’s asking from you, even when you’re running out of patience? What do you miss out on by giving up?
4. Think of Jesus’ power and his tender goodness. Why does this make him a Savior worth trusting?

## Next Steps

1. **Share today’s message** with a friend or family member who you think might benefit from hearing it.
2. **Read John 8:2-11** in preparation for next week’s message from our series *Encounters with the Christ*.
3. **Invite three friends** to enjoy the “encounters” of this series with you at Living Savior!