

# PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

## ***Interrupting Jesus***

Matthew 9:18-26

(Mark 5:21-43)

Once again, both accounts add to the other

- Mark offering greater detail

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**Matthew 9:18**, While He spoke these things to them, behold, a ruler came and worshiped Him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay Your hand on her and she will live."

- While He spoke these things (9:15-17, \*13:52)
- This all happens within **continuing context**

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**Mark** offers the Paul Harvey version of the story (5:22-23)

- And behold, one of the **rulers of the synagogue** came, **Jairus by name**. And when he saw Him, he fell at His feet and begged Him earnestly, saying, "**My little daughter lies at the point of death**. Come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live."

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Jairus is an authority in the established worship system...

- Of which Jesus is not an official representative
- Think **Protestant denominations & Jesus People in the 1960's-70's**

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**\*In Matt. 8:4**, Jesus is attempting to apply **a new patch on an old garment**

- Jairus represents the old garment seeking **a patch of new cloth**

- As with the leper, the centurion & Levi; **Jairus does this at personal risk**
- **This is beginning to look like a trend**
- You can be sure the establishment is not encouraged

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**Matthew 9:19**, So Jesus arose and followed him, and so did His disciples.

**Mark 5:24**, So Jesus went with him, and a great multitude followed Him and thronged Him.

- **Jairus & the centurion represent authorities not friendly to Jesus**
- As with the centurion, **Jesus immediately turns to answer his request**
- Again, Jesus receives "outsiders"
- **This too is looking like a trend**

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**Matthew 9:20-21**, And suddenly, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came from behind and touched the hem of His garment. For she said to herself, "If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well."

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**Mark 5:25-28**, Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment. For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well."

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**How do you handle interruptions to what you are doing?**

- Do we treat them like **intrusions**, or **opportunities**?
- I have had to deliberately embrace this as from Jesus
- It did not come naturally to me
- Will I choose **my way**, or **His**?
- This is not so much about **what** He did...
- But **how** He did it, **and why**

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**The compelling conviction of who Jesus is continues**

- Like the leper and others, yet another, risks everything to get to Jesus
- Will we risk everything to follow Him?
- The confidence of what He alone can impart, is greater than everything else
- Another outcast, received and made whole by Christ's love

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**Matthew 9:22**, But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, "Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that hour.

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**Mark 5:29-34**, Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction. And **Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him**, turned around in the crowd **and said, "Who touched My clothes?"** But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?' " And He looked around to see her who had done this thing. But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. And **He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."**

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**Why did He call her out?** She wanted to be unnoticed.

- He lifted her **from scorned outcast**, to **honored object of His loving care**
- He gave her **public dignity**, and the testimony of what God had done for her
- Like the Gadarene demoniac, none could deny her testimony
- Unlike the leper in **8:4** (keep silent). I guess He doesn't do **one-size-fits-all**.

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**He said to her, "Daughter"**

- Unlike Jairus saying, "My little daughter" (Young female child)
- This **"Daughter"** means **my descendant, of my family**
- Like Abraham, a child of faith (**Romans 4**)
- Like the paralytic, her healing of belonging would outlast her body

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**Matthew 9:23-24**, When Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the flute players and the noisy crowd wailing, **He said to them, "Make room, for the girl is not dead, but sleeping."** And **they ridiculed Him**.

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**Mark 5:35-40**, While He was still speaking, some came from the ruler of the synagogue's house who said, "**Your daughter is dead**. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" **As soon as Jesus heard** the word that was spoken, **He said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not be afraid; only believe."** And He permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. Then He came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and saw a tumult and those who wept and wailed loudly. When He came in, **He said to them, "Why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but sleeping."** And **they ridiculed Him**. But when He had put them all outside, He took the father and the mother of the child, and those who were with Him, and entered where the child was lying.

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Have you ever followed Christ in faith, and others tell you...

- **Don't waste your time. It can't happen?**
- **People without faith, who would crush yours**
- We have to decide **who we will believe**, even if we're ridiculed.

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**"Do not be afraid; only believe."**

- Our faith cannot be dependent on other people

**Psalm 105:19**, Until the time that his word came to pass, **the word of the LORD tested him**.

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**Matthew 9:25-26**, But when the crowd was put outside, He went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. And the report of this went out into all that land.

**Mark 5:41-43**, Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, "Talitha, cumi," which is translated, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years of age. And they were overcome with great amazement. But He commanded them strictly that no one should know it, and said that something should be given her to eat.

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Why does He tell some to tell no one...

- And others to tell everyone?
- I don't know, and I don't need to

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**What are our big questions from this part of Jesus's story?**

- 1) Are we willing to acknowledge some of our old cloth & wineskins?
- 2) Are we willing to receive newness that Christ brings?  
\*Not just refreshing the old
- 3) Will we come to Him in faith when nothing & no one else can help?
- 4) Are we willing to accept outcasts as family?