



Part 3: Desperation

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Mark 5:21-43

²¹ 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. ²² Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet.

A daughter needs a dad who will seek out Jesus.

²³ 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.” ²⁴ So Jesus went with him.

A daughter needs a dad who will bring Jesus home.

A daughter needs a dad who believes that life comes from Jesus.

A Job Description for Dads with Daughters

A Godly Father...

1. Shows her that true love is unconditional
2. Teaches her that her value as a person is more than the way she looks
3. Teaches her that family is more important than work
4. Shows her that a man can be trustworthy
5. Becomes the safe spot she can always turn to
6. Teaches her that a man’s strength is not the force of his hands or his voice, but the kindness of his heart
7. Becomes the standard against which she will judge all men
8. Helps her take risks that will build her confidence
9. Holds her when she cries
10. Teaches her she is important by being involved in her life at every level

A Divine Interruption

^{24b} A large crowd followed and pressed around him. ²⁵ And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. ²⁶ 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. ²⁷ When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ because she thought, “If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.”

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²⁹ Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

³⁰ At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, “Who touched my clothes?”

³¹ “You see the people crowding against you,” his disciples answered, “and yet you can ask, ‘Who touched me?’”

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. ³⁴ He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.”

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?”

³⁶ Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, “Don’t be afraid; just believe.”

A daughter needs a dad who trusts in God’s promise and not man’s reason.

³⁷ He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. ³⁸ When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. ³⁹ He went in and said to them, “Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep.” ⁴⁰ But they laughed at him.

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. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and said to her, “*Talitha koum!*” (which means “Little girl, I say to you, get up!”). ⁴² Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. ⁴³ He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

A daughter needs a dad who will go to Jesus for his own healing.

Small Group Questions

- 1) Who is your favorite TV dad? Why?
- 2) Can you remember a time when you were desperate for help? Share your story.
- 3) Look at the job description for dads. Regardless of your gender, how has God the Father displayed each of the qualifiers in your life?
- 4) Have you ever not prayed for a prayer request because you felt God had more pressing concerns? What did this story teach you about that?
- 5) What do you need to bring to Jesus for healing today?
- 6) What do you need prayer for today?

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