

HELP FOR DESPERATE TIMES

SERMON OUTLINE

1. When you face a desperate situation, turn to Jesus.

Jairus - Mark 5:22

²² Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet.

Woman Suffering from Bleeding - Mark 5:25-28

²⁵ And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, ²⁶ and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. ²⁷ She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. ²⁸ For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well."

.2. When you face a desperate situation, keep believing.

Jairus - Mark 5:23 (CSB) - and begged him earnestly, "My little daughter is dying. Come and lay your hands on her so that she can get well and live."

Woman - Mark 5:28 - ²⁸ For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well."

A weak faith can lay hold of a strong Christ. (Derek Thomas)

3. When you face a desperate situation, remember God's character and attributes.

Mark 5:38-43

³⁸ They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹ And when he had entered, he said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰ And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was.

⁴¹ Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." ⁴² And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. ⁴³ And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

For your sabbath ruminating:

- Begin with prayer. Ask our Heavenly Father for grace to know Him better as you reflect on today's message.
- What struck you as personally significant in the message?
- Do you know anyone who came to Jesus in desperation, convinced He was the only One who could help? Have you ever felt that way?
- How do these stories encourage us that no person and no situation are beyond Jesus' ability to restore?
- What insights and observations can you make about despair, hopelessness, faith, and Jesus from the two stories in this passage?
- How must the woman have felt suffering through this illness for 12 years and what might she have learned in that time?
- Compare and contrast the way Jairus and the woman approach Jesus for healing in the midst of their desperate situations. Why the difference?