

THE PACE OF JESUS

MARK 5:21-43

CHURCH GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE – MAY 25, 2025

SCRIPTURE READING

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21 And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. 22 Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet 23 and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." 24 And he went with him. And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him. 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." 29 And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. 30 And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my garments?" 31 And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?'" 32 And he looked around to see who had done it. 33 But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. 34 And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease." 35 While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" 36 But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." 37 And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. 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.

ICE BREAKER QUESTION

What is the pace of your life – What happens when it speeds up and slows down?

SERMON RECAP

- Jesus' pace reveals His love.
 - The pace of Jesus heals what hurry never can.
 - Jesus moves slower than we want, but exactly at the pace we need.
 - Jesus walks slowly not because He's indifferent, but because He's intentional.
- Jesus sees, He speaks, and He restores.
 - Jesus delays for those others would dismiss.
 - Jesus' kingdom doesn't run on status, power, or position, but on grace.
 - Jesus always moves toward those who are hurting.
 - Jesus reveals what every heart needs...not just a cure, but connection...not just a miracle, but mercy...not just a fix, but faith.
- Jesus restores our identity.
 - Jesus faced death for us so we'd never walk alone in our darkest moments.
 - Jesus sees what we can't see – There's a gap between our limited understanding and His purposes.
 - In Jesus' presence, death is not the end, it's just sleep.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Observation: *What does the passage say?*

1. Read Mark 5:21-43 aloud as a group. Let group members share observations. Try not to move into interpretation of the passage or application of what you read quite yet. Simply share what you observe.

- Whom do you see in verses 21-24?
- What do you notice about the woman, about the disciples, about the crowd, and about Jesus in verses 25-34?
- What different perspectives do you see in verses 35-43 from Jairus's workers, from Jairus, from the mourners, from the disciples, and from Jesus?
- How would you summarize Mark 5:21-43 in your own words?

Interpretation: What does the passage mean?

1. Read Mark 5:21-24
 - Who was Jairus and what do you make of his behavior before Jesus?
 - Why did Jairus make this request of Jesus?
 - How does Jesus respond to Jairus?
2. Read Mark 5:25-34
 - What can you conclude about this woman from verses 25-28?
 - Why did Jesus “delay,” to see who touched Him – Jesus is omniscient (all-knowing)?
 - What do you learn from the disciples’ reaction to Jesus?
 - What does Jesus’ declaration in verse 34 mean to the woman and to us today?
3. Read Mark 5:35-43
 - What does Jesus declare to Jairus in verse 36?
 - Why did Jesus limit the audience who witnessed this miracle?
 - Why did Jesus resurrect the little girl in His time and not Jairus’s time?

Application: How can we apply this passage to our lives?

1. Embrace Divine Interruptions
 - Where is panic, pressure, or performance ruling your life?
 - How might your pace cause you to miss Jesus?
 - Where are interruptions causing you to be less intentional than you should be?
 - How, specifically, could you slow down and focus on what matters most?
 - How can your Church Group serve as your ‘pacer’ for accountability?
2. Be Present with People
 - Where is your frenetic pace causing you to miss or dismiss those who are hurting?
 - With whom should you have a much-needed conversation you may be avoiding?
 - To whom might you need to extend more grace?
 - How could your Church Group become a ‘faith-factory’ for others?
3. Surrender Your Timeline to God
 - What does Jesus’ resurrection mean to you personally?
 - What purposes might Jesus have that you’re missing because you’re rushing about?
 - Where do you need to stop rushing and start trusting Jesus more?
 - Take time in your Church Group to pray for one another – that we would “walk at Jesus’ pace.”