

**Introduction:** How should people approach God? He has said that first, it is necessary to believe that God IS; and, second, to those who diligently are seeking Him, He becomes the one rewarding them (Hebrews 11:6). \*\*\* Who IS God? He IS the eternal Creator, the King of all He created, and the Redeemer of broken humanity who reconciles people to Himself. \*\*\* Who are those diligently seeking Him? Any people who desire to know Him better every day. First, they hang out in the Bible every day by reading it slowly, prayerfully, and in gratitude and love. Second, they talk to Him heart-to-heart as their day unfolds. In other words, they treat Him as a wise aunt or uncle everyone wants to be with forever. But more than this, they believe all things are possible with God (Mark 9:23; 10:27; 14:36). \*\*\* In our portion from Mark's Gospel this morning, we meet a father whose young daughter is near death who believes Jesus is able to heal her so she may live. Along the way, we meet a devastated unclean woman who has lost everything because of continual bleeding for twelve years. She believed if only she could touch Him, she would be made whole (by Him)! \*\*\* David's Psalm reminds us that humility of attitude and ambition is how we can always have Hope IN The Triune Covenant God. \*\*\* Let's look closer in order to know God and His ways better, so He may change our hearts and way of living. )

**I. A daughter is dying and a woman is worn out from twelve years of bleeding.** (*Mark 5:21-29*)

- A. The girl's father asks Jesus to put His hands on her so she may be healed and live. (*Verses 21-24*)
1. Jesus again crossed over in a ship and many people gathered to Him, being near the sea. (*Verse 21*)  
**Back in Israel:** He had been in Decapolis of the nations. Now, He is back with Israelites,
  2. One of the synagogue rulers came to Him, Yǎ'-ē-rōs (Yah enlightened); and having seen Him, he is falling at His feet. (*Verse 22*)  
**Synagogue ruler:** He is a priestly Levite. He worships Jesus with his face at Jesus' feet.
  3. He is requesting of Him greatly, 'The young daughter of me is near death; so, coming, may Thou lay hands on her that she may be healed and live'. (*Verse 23*)  
**Daughter:** Figuratively 'her final days she is having'; and, similar to the leper (Mark 1:40-44), he has faith that Jesus is able to heal her to life!

**Application:** We must be careful we do NOT put limits on what God can do; but, we also must request our deepest desires in the spirit of: not My will, but Thy will (Mark 14:36).

4. Jesus went with Yǎ'-ē-rōs, and many people were following and thronging Him. (*Verse 24*)  
**Jesus follows:** By following Yǎ'-ē-rōs, Jesus is implying He is willing to heal the young daughter.
- B. A devastated woman hears about Jesus and believes if she touches Him she will be made whole. (*Verses 25-29*)
1. A woman being with severe bleeding twelve years, having suffered much under many physicians, having spent all, nothing having been useful, but rather worse (to her) coming. (*Verses 25-26*)  
**Suffering:** She had experienced increasing suffering because she was unclean so she could not go to synagogue to worship God.
  2. Having heard about Jesus, having come into the people behind (Him), she touched His garment, for she was saying, 'If I may touch even His garments, I will be made whole'. (*Verses 27-28*)  
**Hearing:** She had been hearing testimonies of Jesus' healing miracles, maybe even from the leper who had formerly been unclean.  
**Faith:** Through what she heard, she has faith that He can heal her. Faith comes by hearing about God IN His Son (Romans 10:17, see also John 5:24-25).
  3. At once, it was dried up, the fountain of her blood; and she knew in (her) body she had been healed of the disease. (*Verse 29*)  
**Healed at once:** She was healed at once! Jesus stopped the twelve year flow of blood in an instant!

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**II. The woman is healed and Jesus commends her faith; the girl dies and Jesus asks the father to believe Him; those with child-like humility and trust may have Hope.** (*Mark 5:30-43; Psalm 131*)

- A. Jesus asks who touched Him, the woman answers truthfully, He commends her faith. (*Mark 5:30-34*)
1. At once Jesus, having known in Himself, power from Him having gone out, having been turned back in the people, He was saying, 'Who touched My garments?' (*Verse 30*)  
**Jesus knew:** Even in a human body, Jesus is aware of what happens around Him, so He asked: who?
  2. His disciples were saying to Him, 'Thou are seeing the people thronging Thee, and Thou are saying "Who touched Me?" ' (*Verse 31*)  
**Disciples:** They are saying that with so many people, even Jesus cannot see who is behind Him.
  3. He was looking around to see her, this thing having done. (*Verse 32*)  
**Looking around:** While the disciples are talking, Jesus is looking for a woman. He knew His power had stopped a woman's flow of blood, but not which woman,
  4. The woman, fearing and trembling, had known what had become in her, she came, she fell down before Him, and she told Him all the truth. (*Verse 33*)  
**'Fear and trembling':** She is experiencing the fear and trembling toward God expressed in the Messianic second Psalm (See also, Psalm 55:5; Philippians 2:12-13), so she tells Him the full truth.
  5. But He said to her, 'Daughter! Thy faith had made thee whole; thou must be going in peace and thou must be whole from thy disease'. (*Verse 34*)  
**Daughter:** He addresses her as His daughter. Then He says her faith IN Him as Messiah made her whole and fully saved.

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**Two commands:** He commands her to go in peace and continue in His gracious wholeness.

- B. After the girl dies, Jesus tells her father to believe IN Him, and He raises her from death. (*Mark 5:35-43*)
1. While He was speaking, they are coming from the synagogue ruler, saying, 'Thy daughter has died, why still, thou are troubling The Teacher'. (*Verse 35*)  
**While speaking:** While Jesus finished His conversation with the healed woman, men from Yǎ'-ē-rōs' house tell him, his daughter is dead, so stop troubling The Teacher in His mission.

2. But Jesus, having overheard the word being spoken, is saying to the synagogue ruler, 'Thou must not be being afraid, only thou must be believing'. (Verse 36)

**Having overheard:** Sending the healed woman off, Jesus still overheard about Yā'-ē-rōs' daughter.

**Two commands:** First He commanded him not to fear (the death). Then Jesus commanded him to have faith He could bring her back to life! Yā'-ē-rōs' must have faith for life as the woman had for healing.

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3. Not He allowed no man to accompany with Him, except: Pēt-rōs (rock), Yā'-qōv (heel holder), and Yō-khah-nān (Yah gracious), his brother. (Verse 37)

**Only 'inner circle':** Jesus did not allow a single person from the crowd to accompany Him on this mission, even the other nine apostles. He only permitted His 'inner circle' of three.

4. They are coming into the house of the ruler of the synagogue; and, He is considering the confusion: those weeping and those loudly wailing much. (Verse 38)

**Considers confusion:** Jesus considered the traditional mourning ritual, with people having a calling to help mourning families, as more than confusion. He feels the pain over the death of one so young!

5. Having entered (the house), He is saying to them, 'Why you all are being made stirred up, and you all are weeping? The child has not died, but she is sleeping'. (Verse 39)

**Jesus declares:** He declares one truth in two ways: not dead and 'sleeping'.

6. And they were laughing scornfully of Him. (Verse 40a)

**Scorn:** Their derisive and scornful laughter at Jesus was meant to be a 'gut punch' to Him. But, the ways of The Covenant God are higher than human ways (Isaiah 55:6-9).

7. He, having sent out all, is taking the father of the child, and the mother, and them with Him; and, He is entering where the child was being laid. (Verses 40b-c)

**Five people:** Only the two parents and three apostles, five people are with Jesus and the dead child.

8. Having taken the hand of the child, He is saying to her, 'Talitha cumi', which is being interpreted, 'Girl, to thee I am saying thou must be rising!' (Verse 41)

**Talitha cumi:** Mark gives Aramaic, close to Hebrew for, 'Girl, thou must be rising of Me'.

9. At once the girl rose and she was walking, for she was being of twelve years; and, they were amazed out of mind at once, with amazement great. (Verse 42)

**At once rose:** Yā'-ē-rōs' faith in Jesus led to his daughter's resurrection. The woman was unclean from bleeding for the whole life of his girl. As the woman was healed, his girl was brought back to life.

**Application:** Faith in Jesus requires bold and strong action on the part of the believer.

Let us have the boldness to approach Jesus in the faith of both Yā'-ē-rōs and the unclean woman.

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**Amazed out of mind:** When others saw the dead girl alive and walking, their minds were blown. They were astonished!

**Application:** We must be ready to both exercise faith on behalf of others; and, to always exercise faith in our own lives and callings.

**Question:** What kind of faith do we have? Let it be as the leper and Yā'-ē-rōs. Both believed Jesus can do all things; but, realized He may not always be willing to do what they asked. And, both received grace to continue living for God.

10. He commanded to them much that no one may experientially know this; and, He said should be given to her to eat. (Verse 43)

**Daily actions matter:** Jesus did not want news of a resurrection to spread at this time. But, He was concerned the girl should be given nourishment, her daily bread (Matthew 6:11).

- C. David declares his child-like quietness before The Covenant God, then commands Israel to always Hope in Yahweh. (Psalm 131)

1. {A song of ascents, to David} Yahweh, not has been exalted my heart, not has been lifted up my eyes / and not I have walked in great (matters) / and in being marvelous from me. (Verse 1)

**Humility:** Rather than exalting or lifting up himself, David is seeking to be humble and lowly.

**Let God BE God:** Only God does great things. Only God is marvelous, wonderful. David is saying he will not attempt to be like God. He was a man after God's heart (1 Samuel 13:14; Acts 13:22).

2. Surely, I have smoothed and I have quieted my soul / as a weaned child by his mother / a weaned child by me (is) my soul. (Verse 2)

**Contentment:** A weaned child can walk and eat on its own, but is still dependent on its mother to provide food, shelter and security.

3. Thou must hope, Israel, in Yahweh / from this time and until eternity. (Verse 3)

**Hope:** In order to hope in Yahweh, Israel, like David needs to be contented with its dependency on Yahweh, desiring a heart after Him.

**Application:** We must ask God for the heart of a child to receive humility so we will have Hope, even when everything seems to be falling apart: as with the father of the young girl and as with the woman who had lost everything.

### **God's children live in humble hope**

**Conclusion:** A father, trusting Jesus to heal his dying daughter, in faith, requests Jesus do so. As Jesus goes to her, an unclean woman outcast due to twelve years of bleeding, in faith, touches Jesus to be made whole, but she must confess her act to Him.

He says her faith IN Him made her well and blesses her with peace. Meanwhile the girl dies and Jesus commands faith before He raises her to life to the astonishment of all. Humble, child-like quietness before Yahweh leads to Hope in Him.

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