

## **Facing Fear with Faith** **Mark 5:21-43**

The final two of four scary episodes in a row intertwine the story of a woman who has suffered for 12 years and an ill 12 year old girl who dies.

### ***A Desperate Dad gets Jesus to help his daughter. 21-24***

- \*Jairus = honored synagogue official who humbles himself in a huge way.
- \*Matthew greatly condenses this event, as he often does, see Matt. 9:18.
- \*Jairus' 12 yr. old girl is he and his wife's "only begotten," Lk. 8:42.

***Ever been in a desperate situation where you want God to act fast?***

### ***A Determined Woman gets her health back. 25-34***

- \*Woman = dishonored and officially unclean, suffering for 12 years.
- \*Her faith (*fringe of cloak*--Matt. 9:20,21) heals her, but she can't hide.
- \*Jesus' questions to the crowd bother the disciples as in 1:37, 4:38.
- \*What must this interruption be doing to Jairus' faith, 4:38, Jn. 11?
- \*How should this woman actually be an example for Jairus?

***Ever been in a desperate situation that has gone a long time?***

### ***A Disappointed Dad gets his daughter back. 35-43***

- \*The delay leads to death. How would you respond? How should he?
- \*Jesus' question to the mourners bothers the mourners, as in v. 31.
- \*The woman's healing was made public, but the girl's raising up is to be kept secret--again a publicity concern, 1:44,45, 7:36-8:1, 8:30.

***Ever been in a desperate situation yet God seems slow to respond?***

*What are you afraid of that you need to believe God can help you face?*

