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Mark Wk 17
Mk. 5:25-35

General:

- Where in your life are you currently struggling to understand how the puzzle pieces fit?
- Pastor Chip said Christians are the only people who can ultimately know what the finished picture will look like. How should knowing where your story ultimately ends change the way you view today's disappointments, difficulties, or unanswered questions?
- This woman had suffered for twelve years, spent everything she had, and only gotten worse. Where can you relate to the experience of trying everything you know to do and still feeling like nothing is changing?
- Because of her condition, reaching Jesus meant risking embarrassment, rejection, and making others ceremonially unclean. What can desperation cause us to do that comfort never would? How desperate are you to encounter Jesus in the areas where you need Him most?

General continued:

- Verse 29 says that she was healed immediately. Have you ever experienced a moment when God moved in a way you could not have orchestrated or accomplished yourself? How did it affect your faith?
- Jesus stops in the middle of a pressing crowd and asks, "Who touched My clothes?" The disciples don't understand why He is asking, but Jesus knows exactly what has happened. How does it change the way you approach God to know that He understands what is happening in your life even when you don't?
- Instead of her uncleanness transferring to Jesus, His wholeness transforms her. What shame, brokenness, or failure makes you tempted to believe you should keep your distance from Jesus?
- In verse 35, Jairus hears the words he has been dreading: "Your daughter is dead." What happens to your faith when the pieces of your life seem to look nothing like the picture you were expecting?
- Pastor Chip ended by reminding us that for everyone who belongs to Christ, we already know what the final picture ultimately looks like: With Jesus forever. How does knowing the ending help you trust God with the pieces you cannot understand right now?
- Do you have "the guarantee" that Pastor Chip addressed? If so, how are you living your life to reflect this?

Take Home 1: Let's not miss all the beautiful ways the two stories are tied together

- Jairus is named, respected, influential, and socially prominent; the woman is unnamed, suffering, and ceremonially unclean. What does Jesus' response to both of them reveal about who matters to Him?
- Pastor Chip said, "We tend to rank people; Jesus sees people... People matter to Jesus; they should matter to us." Who are you most likely to overlook, categorize, or consider less important? How might seeing people the way Jesus does change that?

Take Home 2: Jesus is never too busy for the person no one else notices (Mk. 5:30b, 34a)

- She comes as an unnamed woman but leaves as a daughter." What does this reveal about how Jesus sees her? How He sees us?
- What situation in your life feels overlooked, forgotten, or too far gone?
- Are you ever so focused on the "important" things God has called you to do that you miss the person He has placed directly in front of you?

Take Home 3: We must remember we can be around Jesus and even be pressing right up against him and still miss him (Mk. 5:31)

- The entire crowd was physically close to Jesus, but this woman experienced Him in a way the others did not. How can we be surrounded by church, Scripture, worship, and Christian activity and still miss what Jesus is doing in our lives?
- Where might God be trying to interrupt your plans this week so that you slow down and have a moment with Him? Or notice what He is doing around you?

Take Home 4: Jairus now has a testimony he has heard and what will he do with that? (Mk. 5:34)

- When you see God answer someone else's prayer while yours remains unanswered, what are you most tempted to believe about Him?
- Pastor Chip shared, "Sometimes God lets us witness someone else's miracle before we face our own impossible moment." How can someone else's testimony strengthen your faith rather than stir comparison, frustration, or jealousy?
- The stories of Scripture allow us to witness what God has done for generations of people before us. What story or truth from Scripture do you need to remember when you're facing something that feels impossible?