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Series: I'm Possible - One Touch Changes Everything

**Scripture: Mark 5:21-43**

The Woman with the Issue of Blood and Jairus' Daughter

## Introduction

Church, today we are continuing our series called "I'm Possible." The heart of this series is simple: what looks impossible to man is possible with God. What looks finished to people is not finished when Jesus steps in. What looks too late to us is still on time for Him. What looks broken, empty, sick, dead, or hopeless can be changed by the power of Jesus Christ.

Today I want to preach from Mark chapter 5, verses 21 through 43, and the title of this message is "One Touch Changes Everything."

In this passage, we see two impossible situations. One is a woman who has been sick for twelve years. The other is a young girl who is dying and later dies. One person is suffering slowly, and the other is facing sudden death. One is an unnamed woman in the crowd, and the other is the daughter of a synagogue leader named Jairus. But both of them need the same thing. They need Jesus.

And that is the word for us today. No matter who you are, no matter how long you have been struggling, no matter how impossible your situation looks, you need Jesus. Because one touch from Jesus can change everything.

## Scripture Reading

Mark 5:21-24 says that when Jesus had crossed over again by boat to the other side, a great multitude gathered to Him, and He was by the sea. Then one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. When he saw Jesus, he fell at His feet and begged Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter lies at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live." So Jesus went with him, and a great multitude followed Him and thronged Him.

Then verses 25 through 29 tell us about a certain woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years. She had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment. For she said, "If only I may touch His

clothes, I shall be made well.” Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction.

Then later in the story, while Jesus was still speaking, some came from the ruler of the synagogue’s house and said, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?” But as soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to Jairus, “Do not be afraid; only believe.”

And when Jesus came to the house, He took the child by the hand and said to her, “Talitha, cumi,” which means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise.” Immediately the girl arose and walked.

## Main Thought

The main thought today is this: What people call impossible can change with one touch from Jesus.

The woman touched Jesus by faith, and she was healed. Jesus touched the little girl, and she was raised. The same Jesus who heals the sick also raises the dead. The same Jesus who stops for the hurting also walks into the house of mourning. The same Jesus who responds to hidden faith also responds to desperate prayer.

## Come to Jesus even when the problem has lasted too long

The Bible says this woman had a flow of blood for twelve years. Twelve years is not a short time. Twelve years of pain. Twelve years of weakness. Twelve years of disappointment. Twelve years of hoping things would get better and then watching them get worse. Twelve years of going to doctors. Twelve years of spending money. Twelve years of people not understanding her condition. Twelve years of carrying a private battle in public silence.

The Bible says she had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had, and she was no better, but rather grew worse. That means she tried everything she knew to try. She went everywhere she knew to go. She spent everything she had to spend. But nothing changed. In fact, the Bible says she grew worse.

Somebody listening today may understand that feeling. You may not have the same sickness, but you know what it feels like to carry something for a long time. Long-term pain. Long-term family problems. Long-term financial struggle. Long-term disappointment. Long-term prayer requests. Long-term fear. Long-term loneliness. Long-term weakness. Long-term spiritual dryness.

And when a problem lasts too long, the enemy begins to whisper, “This will never change.” He says, “You will always be like this.” He says, “God has forgotten you.” He says, “It is too late now.” But the devil is a liar. The length of your problem does not limit the power of Jesus.

Twelve years was long for the woman, but it was not too long for Jesus. Her condition was impossible for people, but not impossible for Christ. She had spent everything, but she had not lost everything, because she still had faith enough to come to Jesus.

Church, do not let the age of your problem make you stop believing in the power of Jesus. Just because it has been many years does not mean Jesus cannot change it. Just because others could not fix it does not mean Jesus cannot heal it. Just because you are tired does not mean God is finished.

This woman teaches us something powerful. She did not stay away because her problem had lasted too long. She came to Jesus. And that is where miracles begin. Miracles begin when we bring our impossible situation to the possible Savior.

## Touch Jesus by faith, not just by religion

The Bible says when the woman heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment. She said, “If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well.”

That is faith. She did not have a long prayer. She did not have a perfect position. She did not have permission from the crowd. She did not have strength to stand in front of everyone and explain her situation. But she had faith. She believed that if she could just touch the hem of His garment, she would be healed.

There was a crowd around Jesus that day. Many people were pressing against Him. Many people were close to Him physically. But only one woman touched Him with faith. That means it is possible to be near Jesus and still not receive from Jesus. It is possible to be in the crowd and still miss the miracle. It is possible to be around worship, around sermons, around church, around Christian language, and still not reach out with personal faith.

The crowd touched Jesus accidentally, but the woman touched Jesus intentionally. The crowd touched Him with curiosity, but the woman touched Him with faith. The crowd was around Him, but the woman reached for Him.

That is a word for us today. We do not just need to be in the crowd. We need to touch Jesus by faith. We do not just need religion. We need relationship. We do not just need

routine. We need surrender. We do not just need to hear about Jesus. We need to reach out to Jesus.

The woman said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well." She believed before she felt anything. She believed before the evidence changed. She believed before the symptoms stopped. Faith speaks before the miracle is visible.

Sometimes you have to say, "If I can just get to Jesus, I will be made whole. If I can just bring this burden to Him, He can help me. If I can just trust His word, He can restore me. If I can just reach out in faith, one touch can change everything."

And the Bible says immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed. What twelve years could not change, one touch changed immediately. What money could not buy, faith received from Jesus. What people could not repair, Jesus restored.

## Jesus stops for hidden pain

This woman probably wanted to touch Jesus and disappear. She came behind Him in the crowd. She did not want attention. She did not want a microphone. She did not want everybody to know her story. She just wanted to be healed.

But Jesus stopped. He said, "Who touched my clothes?" The disciples were confused. They said, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" In other words, "Jesus, everybody is touching You." But Jesus knew this touch was different. This was not just physical contact. This was faith.

Jesus stopped because He wanted the woman to know that she was not just healed secretly; she was loved personally. He did not want her to leave thinking she had stolen a miracle. He wanted her to know she had received mercy. He wanted her to know she was not a problem. She was a daughter.

In verse 34, Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."

This is the only time in the Gospels where Jesus calls someone "daughter." That word is powerful. For twelve years she may have been known by her condition. People may have called her unclean. People may have known her by her issue. But Jesus called her daughter.

People may call you by your problem, but Jesus calls you by your identity. People may remember your past, but Jesus speaks to your future. People may label you by your struggle, but Jesus calls you His own.

Jesus did not embarrass her. He restored her. He gave her healing in her body and peace in her heart. He gave her public confirmation that she was clean, accepted, and restored.

Some people carry hidden pain. You smile, but you are tired. You serve, but you are hurting. You show up, but inside you are bleeding. You know how to look okay, but your heart knows the truth. This passage reminds us that Jesus sees hidden pain. He knows the touch of faith. He stops for people that others overlook. He cares about the one in the crowd.

You are not lost in the crowd to Jesus. He sees you. He knows you. He cares for you. And when you reach out to Him in faith, He responds.

## Delay is not denial

While Jesus was speaking to the woman, Jairus was waiting. Remember, Jairus came first. His daughter was dying. He fell at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come. Jesus agreed to go with him. But on the way, Jesus stopped for the woman.

Imagine Jairus standing there. Every minute mattered. His daughter was at the point of death. He needed Jesus to hurry. But Jesus stopped.

This is one of the hardest parts of faith. What do you do when Jesus seems delayed? What do you do when you prayed, but the answer has not come yet? What do you do when someone else gets their miracle while you are still waiting for yours? What do you do when Jesus stops for another person, and your situation seems to be getting worse?

Jairus could have thought, "Jesus, I came first. My daughter is dying. Why are You stopping now?" But Jesus was not ignoring Jairus. Jesus was still on the way.

Church, delay is not denial. Waiting does not mean God is absent. Silence does not mean God has stopped working. Just because Jesus has not arrived according to your schedule does not mean He is late.

While Jairus was waiting, he had to watch another person receive a miracle. Sometimes God lets you see someone else's testimony while you are still waiting for your own. Do not become bitter when someone else gets blessed. Let their testimony strengthen your faith. If Jesus did it for them, He can do it for you. If He healed her, He can raise your daughter. If He answered their prayer, He can answer yours.

The woman's miracle was not a distraction from Jairus' miracle. It was preparation for Jairus' faith. Jesus was showing Jairus, "I have power over sickness." And soon Jairus would learn that Jesus also has power over death.

## Do not let bad news cancel your faith

While Jesus was still speaking, people came from Jairus' house and said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?"

That is a heavy sentence. "Your daughter is dead." In other words, "It is over. Stop praying. Stop hoping. Stop believing. Do not bother Jesus anymore."

Bad news has a way of attacking faith. One phone call, one report, one message, one diagnosis, one bill, one conversation, one failure, and suddenly fear rises up. The people said, "Why trouble the Teacher any further?" But they did not understand who Jesus really was. To them, Jesus could maybe heal a sick girl, but they did not believe He could raise a dead girl.

Sometimes people will speak based on what they can see. They will say, "It is too late. It is impossible. Nothing can be done. Do not expect anything now." But faith listens to the voice of Jesus above the voice of fear.

As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to Jairus, "Do not be afraid; only believe."

That is the word of the Lord for somebody today. Do not be afraid; only believe. Do not let fear take over your heart. Do not let the report become bigger than the Redeemer. Do not let the problem become bigger than the Promise. Do not let what people said become louder than what Jesus said.

Jesus did not tell Jairus, "Understand everything." He did not say, "Explain everything." He did not say, "Feel strong." He said, "Only believe."

Sometimes that is all you can do. When you do not understand, only believe. When you cannot see the way, only believe. When the news gets worse, only believe. When others give up, only believe. When your heart is shaking, only believe.

Faith does not deny reality. Faith declares that Jesus is greater than reality. Yes, the girl was dead. But Jesus was present. And when Jesus is present, death does not get the final word.

# Jesus has the final word

When Jesus came to the house, He saw people weeping and wailing loudly. He said to them, “Why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but sleeping.” And they ridiculed Him.

Notice how quickly people changed. They were crying one moment and laughing at Jesus the next. That tells us not everyone around you will understand your faith. Some people will mourn with you, but they will still mock what Jesus says. Some people are comfortable with grief, but uncomfortable with resurrection. Some people can accept death, but they cannot accept the possibility of a miracle.

Jesus put them all outside. That is powerful. Jesus did not perform the miracle in an atmosphere of unbelief and mockery. He removed the voices that laughed at His word.

Sometimes you have to put some voices outside. Not every voice deserves access to your faith. Not every opinion should be allowed to shape your expectation. Not every fearful word should live in your heart. When Jesus speaks, you must decide whose voice you will believe.

Jesus took the father, the mother, and those who were with Him, and entered where the child was lying. Then He took the child by the hand and said, “Talitha, cumi,” which means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise.”

And immediately the girl arose and walked.

That is the power of Jesus. He does not just talk about life. He gives life. He does not just comfort the grieving. He reverses the situation. He does not just stand outside the room. He walks into the place of death and speaks resurrection.

The people said, “She is dead.” Jesus said, “Arise.” And the word of Jesus was stronger than the word of death.

Church, Jesus has the final word. Sickness does not have the final word. Fear does not have the final word. Failure does not have the final word. People do not have the final word. Death does not have the final word. Jesus has the final word.

And when Jesus says arise, what was down must get up. When Jesus says live, death must step back. When Jesus speaks, impossible situations must obey.

## Application

Today, this passage gives us two pictures of faith.

The woman teaches us to reach out to Jesus even when we are weak. Jairus teaches us to keep walking with Jesus even when we are waiting.

The woman needed healing from a long-term issue. Jairus needed hope in a sudden crisis. The woman touched Jesus. Jesus touched the little girl. The woman came secretly. Jairus came publicly. The woman had no one speaking for her. Jairus spoke for his daughter. But both miracles came from the same Savior.

That means Jesus is able to meet different needs in different ways. He knows how to heal what has been bleeding for years, and He knows how to raise what looks dead today. He knows how to help the person in the crowd, and He knows how to help the family in the house. He knows how to restore the one who reaches for Him, and He knows how to answer the one who is waiting on Him.

So what is your impossible situation today? Is there something you have carried for a long time? Is there something that seems to be getting worse instead of better? Is there something in your family that needs the touch of Jesus? Is there a dream, a relationship, a calling, or a spiritual fire that feels dead?

Bring it to Jesus. Reach out to Jesus. Keep believing in Jesus. Do not be afraid; only believe. May the Lord Bless you! Amen.