

NOT TOO MUCH

MARK 5:21-42

²¹A large crowd gathered near Jesus by the Sea of Galilee. ²²Then Jairus, a leader of the local synagogue, arrived. Seeing Jesus, he fell at his feet ²³and pleaded fervently, “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.”

²⁴And he went with him. A large crowd followed closely.

²⁵A woman in the crowd had struggled for 12 years from constant bleeding. ²⁶She had suffered much under many physicians. She had spent all that she had. She was no better. She only grew worse. ²⁷She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his clothes. ²⁸For she thought, “If I touch even his garments, I will be made well.” ²⁹Immediately she stopped bleeding, and she sensed in her body that she was healed of her suffering. ³⁰And Jesus sensed that power had gone out from him. He immediately turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” ³¹His disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say ‘Who touched me?’” ³²But Jesus looked around to see who had done it. ³³The woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. ³⁴And Jesus said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace. Your suffering is over.”

³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus the synagogue leader and said, “Your daughter is dead. Why bother the Teacher any further?”

³⁶Overhearing what they said, Jesus said to Jairus, “Do not fear, only believe.” ³⁷And Jesus allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. ³⁸They came to the home of the synagogue leader, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹And when he had entered, he said to them, “Why are you making such a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping.” ⁴⁰They laughed at him. So he made them all leave and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. ⁴¹Taking her by the hand Jesus said to her, “Little girl, I say to you, arise.” ⁴²Immediately the girl who was twelve years old got up and began walking and they were immediately overcome with amazement.

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