

Alderwood Community Church

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Don't Be Afraid, Only Believe

Unexpected: The Gospel of the Servant King

Mark 5:21-43

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Big Idea: When you are in a hopeless situation, you can give in to fear or you can approach Jesus in faith.

*“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.” **Hebrews 11:6***

Sermon Questions:

1. Read **Mark 5:28** and **34**, then **5:36** and **42**. Which comes first, your faith in Jesus which leads to His actions, or Jesus' actions which leads to your faith?

2. Describe in your own words the circumstances of Jairus and the woman that caused each to come to Jesus. What emotions do you think Jairus felt? What emotions did the woman feel?

3. Pastor Brad talked about how these two people felt hopeless. Have you ever felt hopeless? What did you do?

4. Read **Mark 5:30-33**. Why was the woman afraid when she told Jesus the whole truth? Have you ever been afraid to be completely honest with Jesus?

5. How did each express their faith? Do you think one had more, or greater, faith in Jesus? When you have faced hopeless or devastating situations, how did you exercise faith in Jesus? How do these two examples help you believe in Jesus when you face similar challenges?

6. We have studied how Jesus healed a demon possessed man (**Mark 5:1-20**), healed a woman, and raised a dead girl. These are three examples of Jesus' compassion. Pastor Brad has asked you to pray that we would grow in compassion for the people in our city. Are you praying for this? How do these examples of faith in Jesus help you as you pray for our city?
7. What, if anything, that Jesus did or said in these verses has helped to increase your faith?

For next week:

Read **Luke 19:28-44**. What do you learn here about Jesus? What do you learn about people? How does it apply to your life?