

**Title:** Perfect Timing

**Text:** Mark 5:21-43

**Target:** In waiting for our breakthrough, Jesus is working.

- I. **The Interruption of Importance:** *"Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet."* (Mark 5:22)
  - A. **Person of Distinction:** *"ruler of the synagogue"* (Vs. 22)
  - B. **Place of Desperation:** *"implored him earnestly, saying "my little daughter is at the point of death"* (Vs. 23)
  - C. **Plea of Determination:** *"Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live."* (Vs. 23b)

**Discussion Question:** Here we find Jairus forsaking his pride in his prestigious position to find Jesus. Chances are he had heard of Jesus, but never sought him. Have you ever been in a situation where your position/title/reputation prevented you from seeking or claiming Jesus? If so, what changed for you? Has there ever been a moment or season of desperation that compelled you to forsake all pride to humbly and passionately pursue Jesus?

- II. **The Interruption of Inconvenience:** *"And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for **twelve** years."* (Mark 5:25)
  - A. **Identified by her Condition:** *"woman"*
  - B. **Inflicted due to her Condition:** *"suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had."* (Vs. 26a)
  - C. **Isolated because of her Condition:** *"was no better but rather grew worse"* (Vs. 26b)

**Discussion Question:** This woman suffered with an affliction for years. The text tells us that she saw many physicians all with the same grim diagnosis. She was incurable. Yet, she never gave up. She never gave in. She never quit searching for a cure. Undoubtedly, there is someone that needs to hear that message of perseverance today. Is it you? Is it somebody you know? How can you deliver real hope to somebody today with the Good News of healing for their affliction through Jesus?

- III. **The Interruption to an Intervention:** *"For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well."* (Vs. 28)
  - A. **Divine Deliverance:** *"immediately the flow of blood dried up,"* (Vs. 29)
  - B. **Direct Discernment:** *"And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out.... immediately turned to the crowd and said, "who touched my garments?"* (Vs. 30)
  - C. **Declaration of Destiny:** *"Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."* (Vs. 34)

**Discussion Question:** When Jesus felt some power go out from Him, He asked "Who touched my garments?" The disciples make a great observation here. They point out that many people were pressing up against Jesus and it would be impossible to know which one person touched his garments. If there were many pressing up against and around Jesus, why did more power

not go out from Him to everyone else? What was significant about the woman's touch of His garment?

- IV. **The Interruption of Insinuation:** *"While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" (Vs. 35)*
- A. **Don't Lose Faith:** *"Jesus, said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe" (Vs. 36)*
  - B. **Time has Not Run Out:** *"The child is not dead but sleeping" (Vs. 39)*
  - C. **Impossible Doesn't Exist:** *"immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement." (Vs. 42)*

**Discussion Question:** Just as we have seen in this passage. Jesus is always on time. Listen to the song Way Maker by Leeland. The bridge always strikes me... "Even when I don't see it, You're working. Even when I don't feel it, You're working. You never stop working." The woman and those around Jairus were only able to see the finished product of Jesus's work in their individual and specific situations. Yet, Jesus was making a way long before their encounter. Read Ephesians 3:20. What truth does Paul deliver to us in this passage? How can we rest in this truth when we need an interruption in our life from Jesus?

**Takeaway:** The Interruption makes way for the "Immediately"