

## **Just Believe**

Mark 5:21-43

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Jairus, a leader in the synagogue, knelt in front of Jesus pleading, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and lay your hands on her so that she will live."

Jesus went with him. While they were on their way, a large crowd gathered around them. There was a woman in the crowd who had suffered from continuous bleeding for twelve years. She had spent all she had on doctors, but instead of getting better she had gotten worse. When she heard about Jesus, she thought, "If I can just touch his clothing, I'll be healed."

She pushed through the crowd, came up behind Jesus, and touched the edge of his cloak. Immediately the bleeding stopped. She was healed.

Jesus instantly realized that power had gone out from him. He turned to the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

The woman stepped forward trembling and knelt at Jesus' feet. She told him everything and he said, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

Some people came to tell Jairus, "Your little girl is dead."

Jesus said, "Don't be afraid. Just believe."

When they arrived at the house, everyone there was weeping loudly. Jesus said, "Stop this noise. The child isn't dead. She's just asleep." But they laughed at him.

Jesus went into the house with the girl's parents and three of his disciples. He took the girl by the hand and said, "Little girl, get up." The girl, who was twelve years old, immediately stood up and started walking around. Her parents were ecstatic, but Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone what had happened, and he told them to give their daughter something to eat.