

The Jesus Affect-  
Desperate  
Mark 5:21-42

Verse 21, 22 When Jesus had crossed over again by boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered around Him while He was by the sea. One of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at His feet

Verse 23a and kept begging Him,

Verse 23b “My little daughter is at  
death’s door.”

Verse 23c “Come and lay Your  
hands on her so she can get well  
and live.”

Verse 24 So Jesus went with him,  
and a large crowd was following and  
pressing against Him.

Verse 25, 26 A woman suffering from bleeding for 12 years had endured much under many doctors. She had spent everything she had and was not helped at all. On the contrary, she became worse.

Verse 27 Having heard about Jesus,  
she came behind Him in the crowd  
and touched His robe.



Verse 28 For she said, “If I can just touch His robes, I’ll be made well!”

Verse 29 Instantly her flow of blood ceased, and she sensed in her body that she was cured of her affliction.

Verse 30 At once Jesus realized in Himself  
that power had gone out from Him. He  
turned around in the crowd and said, “Who  
touched My robes?”

Verse 31 His disciples said to Him,  
“You see the crowd pressing against  
You, and You say, ‘Who touched  
Me?’”

Verse 32 So He was looking around  
to see who had done this.

Verse 33 Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came with fear and trembling, fell down before Him, and told Him the whole truth.

Verse 34 “Daughter,” He said to her,  
“your faith has made you well. Go in  
peace and be free from your  
affliction.”

Verse 35 “Your daughter is dead.  
Why trouble the Teacher any  
further?”



Verse 36 But when Jesus overheard  
what was said, He told the  
synagogue leader, "Don't be afraid.  
Only believe."

Verse 37 He did not let anyone  
accompany Him except Peter,  
James, and John, James's brother.

Verse 38 They came to the leader's house, and He saw a commotion—people weeping and wailing loudly.

Verse 39 He went in and said to them, “Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep.”

Verse 40 They started laughing at Him, but He put them all outside. He took the child's father, mother, and those who were with Him, and entered the place where the child was.

Verse 41 Then He took the child by the hand and said to her, “*Talitha koum!*” (which is translated, “Little girl, I say to you, get up!”).

Verse 42 Immediately the girl got up  
and began to walk. (She was 12  
years old.) At this they were utterly  
astounded.

What do we learn from all this?



I. Jesus can do anything.

II. We learn the value of desperation.

A. We recognize our inadequacies.  
We can't do this on our own.

B. We become far more transparent and truthful about what is going on in our lives.

C. We demonstrate a laser like  
focus on the one thing that matters.

D. We lose our pride and inability to beg.