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"Holy Interruptions"

Scripture: Mark 5:21-43



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6th Sunday after Pentecost

AUTHOR

The author is John Mark who accompanied the Apostle Paul on his first missionary journey and who is thought to have also been a friend of Peter, one of Jesus' twelve disciples. Mark was probably written between AD 55 and 65. Mark writes to encourage Roman Christians, who had lived under oppressive Roman rule for a long time and to prove beyond a doubt that Jesus is the Messiah.

CONTEXT

Today's scripture passage continues with the message and ministry of Jesus, seen as a servant, as he continues to heal people. The way Jesus lived his life is a great example of how we should live our lives. Jesus crossed the Sea of Galilee where a large group waited.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Mark 5:21-43. When Jairus, a leader of the local synagogue arrived, what was his reaction upon seeing Jesus? This was significant and maybe even daring, because not all synagogue leaders supported Jesus, due to close ties to the Pharisees.
2. What did Jairus ask Jesus to do and what was his expectation of what would happen?
3. In verse 24, what did Jesus do? Notice, he did not hesitate.
4. Who interrupts Jesus? This was a bold move. Read Leviticus 15:25-27. What would the woman have been considered due to her condition, and by touching Jesus what effect would this have on Jesus, according to Jewish law? See also Leviticus 15:31.

5. The woman who touched Jesus to be healed, had great faith but also fear. Have you ever wanted to reach out to Jesus for something you longed to be healed of? Can you hold faith and fear in tension together? Do you hesitate to ask Jesus to heal something in your life? Have you ever conquered your fear to ask Jesus for something?
6. What happened to the woman when she touched Jesus' robe? What was Jesus' reaction? What did Jesus tell the woman had healed her?
7. Jesus was headed to Jairus' house when the woman touched him, interrupting his journey. Have you ever had your day or plans interrupted making you late for something or causing you to miss something important? What was your reaction?
8. This "holy interruption" entirely changed the woman's life. Can you imagine how grateful and relieved she was? Can you think of a time when you were interrupted and you realized later that God purposely put this interruption in your path for good?
9. In the midst of this interruption, what had happened to Jairus' daughter? What 2 things did Jesus tell Jairus and what was the result?

ENCOURAGEMENT

God can use a holy interruption to change someone's life.

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