The healing of Jairus' Daughter (Mark 5:21-43)

Introduction:

1. When you go to the doctor's office, what is one of the things you have to do almost every time?
   a. You have to wait, right?
   b. That's one of the most annoying things, when you have an appointment for 10:00, you show up at 9:45, and you don't get in until almost 11:00.
   c. Then, of course, you wait in the room for another half-hour or more for the doctor to finally come in.
   d. It's hard to have patience, especially when you or one of your family is sick.

2. But why do you go to the doctor's office?
   a. You go because you have faith that he can help you or your family member get well.
   b. How many of you would go to the doctor if you didn't think he'd be able to actually help?

3. In Mark 5, Jesus met a man who showed some very admirable qualities that we would all do well to emulate.
   a. Turn to Mark 5:21-43 (READ).
   b. Here we read about a man named Jairus.

I. Jairus had faith (5:21-24).
   a. This man was a religious leader, being the man who helped preside over the synagogue.
   b. This man was very afraid.
      i. His only daughter (Luke 8:42) was laying on the bed, sick and dying.
      ii. He didn't know what to do for her, he felt absolutely helpless.
      iii. Then he heard that Jesus had come into the town, and he ran as fast as his feet could take him.
      iv. He saw Jesus, and fell down at His feet.
      v. Imagine, for a moment, this is you, and how you would be feeling and what you would be thinking at a time like this.
   c. This man showed faith.
      i. At a time when many people would be blaming God, or in such a state of mental distress and sadness that they wouldn't even be able to think, Jairus was determined to do everything possible to save his little girl.
      ii. He had not given up hope, even when it seems everyone else thought it was over.
      iii. He ran to Jesus, and notice the confidence that he had when he spoke to the Lord, "Come, lay your hands on her so she can be healed and live."
      iv. Some might say that this was a final act of desperation, but this man had confidence that if Jesus came, his daughter would be healed.
      v. How would you act if you were in this situation?
   d. What kind of faith do you have?
      i. Is your faith one that is confident?
         1. James tells us to ask God in faith, without doubting, and He will hear our prayers.
         2. How many people pay to God, but aren't really confident that God will answer their prayers?
      ii. Is your faith one that is persistent?
         1. Jesus gave a parable about the need to be persistent in our prayers, and not to give up (Luke 18:1-8).
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2. Does this describe you? Or are you one of those people who asks for something once, then gets mad at God when you don't get it?

II. Jairus was patient (5:25-34)

a. After Jesus agreed to come back to Jairus' house and started walking that way, he was interrupted.
   i. A massive crown was following behind Jesus, and one woman made up her mind that if she could just touch the edge of Jesus' robe, she could be healed.
   ii. None of the accounts tell us where she was in the crowd.
      1. It may well be that she had a very hard time getting through the crowd to actually get to Jesus.
      2. But in her desperate desire to be healed, she finally made it through the people, saw Jesus walking ahead of her, and reached out to touch the edge of his garment.
   iii. Jesus stopped in His tracks, turned to the massive crowd that was packed in on the street, and said, "who touched me?"
      1. He had felt the power go out from Him.
      2. He had just healed someone, did it really matter who it was?
      3. The disciples basically told Jesus, "everyone is touching you."
   iv. The woman fell down at His feet and confessed her whole plan and what she had done.
      1. Jesus didn't reprimand her, but instead praised her for her faith.
      2. It was because of her confidence in Jesus – and acting on it – that she was healed.
      3. Had she just had confidence, but did nothing, she would never have been healed.
      4. True faith WORKS!
   v. But this woman isn't the focus of our lesson...

b. Through this whole ordeal, where Jesus is not running, where it is hard for Him to move much at all, being surrounded by the crowd, we don't hear anything from Jairus.
   i. His daughter is dying, and all these people are keeping Jesus from being able to get there.
   ii. Then, Jesus stops and asks the question, "who touched me?" when a mob of people was swarmed around Him.
   iii. Yet through all of this, Jairus is silent.
      1. Jairus is a shining example of patience.
      2. If it were one of us, don't you think we'd be saying, "hey, remember my daughter? C'mon, let's go!"
      3. But you don't rush the one with the power.
   iv. I think some of us might have gotten a bit miffed by the woman who had to relate her whole story of her problem, her inability to find cures by the doctors, and then how she decided to touch Jesus' garment, hoping to be healed.
      1. Some of us might have said, "that's great, we've got to go, my daughter is dying!"
      2. But through it all, Jairus waits patiently.

c. What kind of patience do you have?
   i. I know of one person who told me that he was in a financial crisis, and he was praying and praying for God to help so he could avoid bankruptcy.
      1. When God didn't answer his prayers immediately, he got mad and started saying things like, "God apparently doesn't care about me."
      2. But you know what, before that deadline when he absolutely HAD to have the money, God blessed him.
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3. He did not show patience. He did not wait for God. Instead, he made himself a nervous wreck and caused himself an enormous amount of stress.

ii. When things aren't going right, do you lose your temper?
   1. Do you get frustrated?
   2. We have to remember that God has His own timetable, and He isn't bound by our self-imposed schedules.
   3. Jairus patiently waited for Jesus to make His way to the house.
   4. We need to patiently wait for God to answer our prayers.
   5. We need to patiently wait for God to work things out in our lives.

III. Jairus was in awe of Jesus' power (5:35-43).
   a. After they began again to head towards the dying girl, some people came from Jairus' house and said, "she is dead, there's no need to bother Jesus anymore."
      i. One thing we might mention here is that Jairus did not make it a secret that he went to seek Jesus.
         1. Those from his house knew where to find him, and who he would be with.
      ii. Jairus could have then gotten upset with Jesus for taking so long.
         1. Mary and Martha both got upset with Jesus because He delayed in coming to see Lazarus when he was sick.
      iii. But before Jairus could even react to the news of his daughter's death, Jesus turned to him and said, "don't be afraid. Just believe [or, just have faith]."
         1. Jesus made sure, immediately, that Jairus did not lose hope (5:36).
   iv. Jesus continued with Jairus, Peter, James, and John until they got to the house.
      1. There was the little girl's mother, Jairus' wife, crying uncontrollable tears.
      2. There were others, friends and relatives, trying in vain to offer some comfort while also heartbroken and feeling powerless.
      3. Some might have even been thinking—or even saying—God, why did you let this happen?
   v. Jesus said to the crowd, "Why are you making such a fuss? She's not dead, she's just sleeping."
      1. Then, these mourners changed from sadness to anger.
      2. They began to mock Jesus, they laughed Him to scorn.
         a. HA! Who does He think He is? I think we can tell when someone's dead!
         b. Again, through all of this Jairus is notably silent, holding on to every bit of faith and hope he has left in him.
   vi. Jesus took Peter, James, and John with Him, along with Mr. and Mrs. Jairus, and went inside where the girl's body was lying.
      1. Jesus took hold of the girl's hand, and said, "Talitha Cumi" which means, Little girl, arise.
      2. And immediately, the little girl got up and walked.
   vii. I want you to notice the reaction of Jairus (and his wife, and the three apostles): they were astonished.
      1. All the faith in the world cannot prepare you for the amazement when seeing the power of Jesus in action.
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2. The apostles, who had been with Jesus long enough to see some miracles, were in amazement.

3. Why? Jesus had shown power over sickness. Jesus had shown power over nature. Jesus had shown power over demons. But now, Jesus had shown power over death!
   b. Jesus told them, "don't tell anyone."
      i. But, Jesus! You just raised out daughter from the dead! And you want us to keep it quiet?!?
      ii. Jesus had a mission, and it was to spread the gospel.
      iii. It was not to get a bunch of people to follow Him because they wanted healing or food.
      iv. Jesus wants people to follow Him for the right reasons.
   c. What kind of person are you?
      i. Are you like the people who laughed at the things Jesus said?
      ii. Are you like the mourners who felt there was no hope?
      iii. Or are you like Jairus, who patiently waited on Jesus, showing hope and faith in Jesus' words?
      iv. Are you like this man who was amazed at Jesus' power, and trusted in Jesus that He could raise the dead?

Conclusion:

1. Jesus looks at each one of us today, and says, "don't be afraid, just have faith."
   a. As we've seen already in this passage of Scripture, faith is not just mentally believing something.
   b. Faith is putting your belief into action, putting full trust in Jesus Christ in word, thought, and in deed.
      i. The woman's faith was shown in her desire to touch Jesus.
         1. There is no faith without works.
   2. Jesus looks at each one of us today, and says, "Don't worry, it's not over."
      a. As you look at your life of sin, Jesus says to you, "it doesn't have to be this way."
      b. If you're not a Christian, your life can start all over again by putting your faith in Jesus Christ to raise you up!
         i. Faith comes by hearing the word of God (Romans 10:17).
         ii. Without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6).
         iii. True faith cannot be kept to yourself, you will want to tell the world, "I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST!" (that's called confession).
         iv. True faith in Jesus Christ requires action (faith without works is dead James 2:20).
            1. That action is a change in your life to start living for Jesus Christ (the Bible calls that "repentance").
            v. In order for Jesus to raise you up, you've got to die.
               1. Oh, not die physically, but die to sin; kill off the person you used to be.
               2. You bury you old self in a watery grave of baptism, and you will rise up out of that water a brand new creation – cleansed and forgiven of all of your sins!
               vi. Jesus awaits the moment when you will do that, and then to you He says, "arise."
   3. There is also coming another day when Jesus will say the word "Arise!"
      a. All who have ever lived will be joined together in the great judgment where we will receive the reward or punishment due to us because of the way we lived our lives here on earth.
      b. Are you right with God?