

## Follow – Walking in the Way of Jesus

Jesus Does More Than We Ask

Mark 5:21-43

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HOPE is a forward movement of the IMAGINATION — The first movement of the heart in the midst of brokenness, toward something better

FAITH is a movement of CONVICTION — Laying hold of a promise as reality

TRUST is a movement of RELIANCE — Shifting the weight of your life onto something here and now

OBEDIENCE is a movement of ACTION — living out that reliance in concrete steps

Where do you get stuck?

- Hope – Do you get stuck only seeing the pain right now?
- Faith – Do you get stuck believing more in what Jesus does than who he is?
- Trust – Do you get stuck when God doesn't answer in your timing?
- Obedience – Do you get stuck holding back instead of surrendering?

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Mark 5 - This is the first time the Greek word **DYNAMIS** or "**POWER**," from which we get the word dynamite, is used in the book of Mark.

- **Ephesians 1:19 – "...the incomparably great power (dynamis) for us who believe..."**
- **2 Peter 1:3 – God's divine power (dynamis) has given us everything we need for life and godliness.**

Jesus has a sensation of weakness, of draining, and he knows that there's been a healing.

**2 Cor. 13:4, "For he was crucified in weakness, but lives by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but in dealing with you we will live with him by the power of God."**

The woman WANTED a ONE-TIME, ONE-WAY transaction.

Jesus wanted to give her a BRAND-NEW, ETERNAL, RELATIONAL REALITY.

Because of the delay both Jairus and the woman get far more than they asked for. Jesus says to Jairus: *Trust me. Be patient. There's no need to hurry.* If you try to IMPOSE your understanding of SCHEDULE and timing on Jesus, you will STRUGGLE to feel loved by Him.

Jesus uses language of intimacy and nearness to demonstrate his power over death. And it almost appears TOO EASY.

Assess:

1. Hope – When life presses you into desperation, where do you turn for the possibility of something better?
2. Faith – How does believing in who Jesus is (not just what he can do) shape the way you face your present circumstances?
3. Trust – When God feels slow, silent, or uncertain to you, what does trusting his power, authority & love look like in real time?
4. Obedience – If you trusted Jesus fully, what specific step of surrender (weakness, image, future) could you take today?

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**Title: Jesus Does More Than We Ask**

**Primary Passage: Mark 5:21-43**

**Secondary Passage: 2 Cor. 13:4**

**Big Question: What happens when we risk going to Jesus in desperation?**

**Big Idea: Jesus often asks for more than we plan to give, yet he always gives far more than we dared to hope.**

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**GOING DEEPER Questions:**

What did you do this week that required faith? What did trusting Christ demand from you?

When life presses you into desperation where do you (honestly) turn for the possibility of something better?

Read Mark 5:21-43, what stands out to you about this passage? What is the difference between the woman and Jairus? What is similar? What would be frustrating about Jesus' actions in this passage?

In what ways does Jesus ask more from each of them? In what ways does He give more to them than they ask for?

When God feels slow, silent, or uncertain to you, what does trusting his power, authority & love look like in real time?

What is the "more" (faith, trust, obedience) that Jesus is asking of you right now? What's holding you back?

Spend some time praying that God would give you the faith to deepen trust, to act in obedience and surrender. Ask Him to open your eyes to the "more" that He has for you, not the least of which is a new life (like the woman) and victory over death (like for Jairus).