**“Cheating Death”**

**When It Seems Hopeless!**

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**Desperation Can Drive Us To Jesus**

22A leader of the synagogue, named Jairus, came there, saw Jesus, and fell at his feet. 23He begged Jesus, saying again and again, “My daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so she will be healed and will live.” 24So Jesus went with him. Mark 5:22-24a (New Century)

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A large crowd followed Jesus and pushed very close around him. 25Among them was a woman who had been bleeding for twelve years. 26She had suffered very much from many doctors and had spent all the money she had, but instead of improving, she was getting worse. 27When the woman heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his coat. 28She thought, “If I can just touch his clothes, I will be healed.”  Mark 5:24b-28 (New Century)

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**Jesus Notices You And Cares About You**

29Instantly her bleeding stopped, and she felt in her body that she was healed from her disease. 30At once Jesus felt power go out from him. So he turned around in the crowd and asked, “Who touched my clothes?” 31His followers said, “Look at how many people are pushing against you! And you ask, ‘Who touched me?’” 32But Jesus continued looking around to see who had touched him. Mark 5:29-32 (New Century)

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Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. Luke 8:47a (New International)

33The woman, knowing that she was healed, came and fell at Jesus’ feet. Shaking with fear, she told him the whole truth. 34Jesus said to her, “Dear woman, you are made well because you believed. Go in peace; be healed of your disease.” Mark 5:33-34 (New Century)

**Fear May Be The Enemy Of Belief**

35While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of the synagogue leader. They said, “Your daughter is dead. There is no need to bother the teacher anymore.” 36But Jesus paid no attention to what they said. He told the synagogue leader, “Don’t be afraid; just believe.” Mark 5:35-36 (New Century)

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**Don’t Miss The Miracles**

37Jesus let only Peter, James, and John the brother of James go with him. 38When they came to the house of the synagogue leader, Jesus found many people there making lots of noise and crying loudly. 39Jesus entered the house and said to them, “Why are you crying and making so much noise? The child is not dead, only asleep.” 40But they laughed at him. So, after throwing them out of the house, Jesus took the child’s father and mother and his three followers into the room where the child was. 41Taking hold of the girl’s hand, he said to her, “Talitha, koum!” (This means, “Young girl, I tell you to stand up!”) 42At once the girl stood right up and began walking. (She was twelve years old.) Everyone was completely amazed. 43Jesus gave them strict orders not to tell people about this. Then he told them to give the girl something to eat. Mark 5:22-43 (New Century)

**The truth about miracles:**

* **You will miss them if you mock them.**
* **Believing is often seeing.**

And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith. Matthew 13:58 (New International)

* **They rarely happen.**
* **For Christ-followers death may be the miracle**

**13**Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. **14**For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 New International)

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