

## **Approaching Jesus**

*Mark 5:21-43*

### **INTRODUCTION:**

- A. Approaching people can be one of the most awkward or uneasy experiences of our lives.
- B. In Mark 5 we are introduced to two people who approach Jesus but do so very differently.
- C. Let's consider a few things we learn from them that will help us as we approach Jesus.

### **PUT AWAY OUR PRIDE (vs. 21-23)**

- A. Jairus was one of the rulers of the synagogue. This would make him a highly-respected person.
- B. Jairus fell at His feet and begged Jesus to go with him and do for him what he could not do for himself.
- C. Pride can keep us from experiencing the blessings that can be found through others.
  - 1. Prov. 29:23 – A man's pride will bring him low
  - 2. Prov. 16:18 – pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall

### **NAVIGATE THE OBSTACLES (vs. 24-27)**

- A. This woman had a difficult life full of problems and obstacles (Lev. 15:25-31; Lk. 8:43).
- B. She ignored all the excuses that could have kept her away from Jesus.
- C. Obstacles can keep us from making the sacrifices necessary to approach and follow Jesus.
  - 1. Family issues (Lk. 14:26)
  - 2. Commitment level (Lk. 9:62)

### **BELIEVE HE CAN DO BIG THINGS IN OUR LIVES (vs. 28-36)**

- A. The woman expected healing by just touching the garments of Jesus.
- B. Jairus continued his journey with Jesus even after receiving word that his daughter had died.
- C. We should never allow our circumstances to determine our level of faith.
  - 1. Psa. 147:1-5 – God is bigger than anything we will ever face
  - 2. Isa. 1:18 – no matter what our past is like, God has the ability and power to help us overcome it.

### **CONCLUSION:**

- A. It does not bother Jesus when we come to Him; it bothers Jesus when we do not come to Him.
- B. Jesus encourages people to come to Him (Matt. 11:28-30).
- C. Will you come to Jesus this morning while you have the opportunity to do so?