

The Weakness of the World

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I. Introduction. Text: Mark 5:21-6:6.

II. The coming of Jairus.

- A. A fear drove Jairus to Jesus despite the forces at work against him.
- B. Faith also drew him--he knew there was power in Jesus.

III. The bleeding women.

- A. Her condition.
- B. Her cure.

1. When she touched Jesus' cloak she was healed.
2. Her faith convinced her that Jesus could indeed heal her.
3. It cost Jesus to heal people--it would draw energy from Him because it was a demanding thing.
4. The healing was done by the Father.
5. Jesus granted that the women would continue to be healed.

IV. Jairus felt the finality of death as he waited for Jesus to deal with the bleeding woman.

- A. Faith is the answer to fear.
- B. Jesus restored the girl for the sake of Jairus.
- C. Jesus raised the child that we might have a new view of death.
- D. Jesus is able to meet the suffering of the heart whatever its cause when the world's resources are brought to an end.

V. Limited views mean limited lives.

- A. Nazareth missed its great opportunity with Jesus.
- B. We are left impoverished if all we are left with is natural powers.
- C. God beckons that people believe that He is at work.

Application questions:

1. In what ways does a limited view of Jesus restrict the world in solving its greatest problems?

2. How can you encourage someone struggling with fear in light of this passage?

3. What do you believe in God for today? Spend some time in prayer and reflection over your willingness to believe God to do something great through you today.
