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Restoration and Resurrection

Mark's unique style of writing sometimes highlights how two seemingly different situations are actually connected. This is called *inclusio* – or a “sandwich” of two stories. Notice how Jesus begins his journey to help a twelve-year-old girl and is interrupted by a woman with a twelve-year-old affliction. What follows is *salvation – restoration and resurrection!*

- Jairus must have been a well-known and well-respected man in the community. What do you think it meant for him to implore Jesus and believe he can heal her? (vs.21-23)
- Who is the woman with the hemorrhage issue? What had she tried to do to get well? (v.26)
- Some scholars suggest that this condition had kept her from marriage and bearing children.¹ In addition, the law (Lev 15:25-28) would render her socially and morally unclean. Imagine what all of this meant to the woman. What might she have been feeling? (vs.27-28)
- Why does Jesus call her “daughter”? How did her faith make her well?² (v.34)
- Upon hearing his daughter had died, Jairus must have been feeling many things. Why does Jesus exhort him to not be *afraid*, rather than *sad*? What is Jesus asking him to *believe*? (v.36)
- Only a small group of witnesses were with Jesus. What would it mean to the community to see and believe that a child could be raised from the dead? (v.37-40)
- What do you make of Jesus's posture of tenderness to both of these people? How might this help you get to know him more?
- **Apply it.** Is there an area of your life that you would ask Jesus to “make whole”?

²¹When Jesus had crossed over again in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered around Him; and so He stayed by the seashore. ²²One of the synagogue officials named Jairus *came up, and on seeing Him, *fell at His feet ²³and *implored Him earnestly, saying, “My little daughter is at the point of death; *please* come and lay Your hands on her, so that she will get well and live.” ²⁴And He went off with him; and a large crowd was following Him and pressing in on Him.

²⁵A woman who had had a hemorrhage for twelve years, ²⁶and had endured much at the hands of many physicians, and had spent all that she had and was not helped at all, but rather had grown worse— ²⁷after hearing about Jesus, she came up in the crowd behind *Him* and touched His cloak. ²⁸For she thought, “If I just touch His garments, I will get well.” ²⁹Immediately the flow of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction. ³⁰Immediately Jesus, perceiving in Himself that the power *proceeding* from Him had gone forth, turned around in the crowd and said, “Who touched My garments?” ³¹And His disciples said to Him, “You see the crowd pressing in on You, and You say, ‘Who touched Me?’” ³²And He looked around to see the woman who had done this. ³³But the woman fearing and trembling, aware of what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. ³⁴And He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed of your affliction.”

³⁵While He was still speaking, they *came from the *house of* the synagogue official, saying, “Your daughter has died; why trouble the Teacher anymore?” ³⁶But Jesus, overhearing what was being spoken, *said to the synagogue official, “Do not be afraid *any longer*, only believe.” ³⁷And He allowed no one to accompany Him, except Peter and James and John the brother of James. ³⁸They *came to the house of the synagogue official; and He *saw a commotion, and *people* loudly weeping and wailing. ³⁹And entering in, He *said to them, “Why make a commotion and weep? The child has not died, but is asleep.” ⁴⁰They *began* laughing at Him. But putting them all out, He *took along the child's father and mother and His own companions, and *entered *the room* where the child was. ⁴¹Taking the child by the hand, He *said to her, “Talitha kum!” (which translated means, “Little girl, I say to you, get up!”). ⁴²Immediately the girl got up and *began* to walk, for she was twelve years old. And immediately they were completely astounded.

¹ Cierra Loux. <https://www.olivetree.com/blog/commentary-on-mark-5/>

² The Greek word here for “made well” is *sozo* – it means “to save or to make whole”