

The Intercessor at His Feet

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At His Feet

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› Mark 5:21

We are looking at several times where a person in need of life change **fell at the feet of Jesus**.

Week 1: The Demoniac at Gadarenes

- a man what was filled with thousands of demons
- man's ways couldn't contain him
- his ways only made things worse
- Jesus stepped in and **redeemed** his life

Interesting point: Jesus left Capernaum and crossed the sea, ministered in two ways, then came back to Capernaum.

i. Disciples in the storm

ii. Demoniac at Gadarenes

Jesus is willing to go out of the way for those that need ministry.

How many times has the Lord stopped our service for the one or few that need a touch from him?

A DESPERATE INTERCESSOR

Mark 5:21–24 **ESV**

And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her,

so that she may be made well and live.” And he went with him.

And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him.

Matthew’s account (Matthew 9:18-26) indicates that Jairus knew his daughter had died and was believing that Jesus could raise her from the dead.

Luke’s account (Luke 8:40-56) gives us insight that this is Jairus’ only daughter and she is about 12 years old.

MAP OF TRAVELS

JAIRUS

- **Ruler of the Synagogue** near Capernaum
- a pastor & administrator for the local body of believers - organized the teachings, maintained the synagogue
- **Capernaum** was Jesus’ home base for his Galilean ministry

Jesus has been gone for one day. I would imagine that Jairus’ daughter was sick before Jesus left for Gadarenes.

Now, Jesus is back, he is not going to miss his opportunity to see his daughter healed.

FELL AT HIS FEET

Implored - παρακαλέω **parakalēō**, *par-ak-al-eh ´-o*; to call near, invite, pray

He is not trying to figure it out on his own; Jairus is invited Jesus into his impossible situation.

Mark 5:23 “and implored him earnestly, saying, “My little daughter is at the point of death. **Come and lay your hands on her**, so that she may be made well and live.””

Laying of Hands (in NT)

Mark 6:5 ESV

And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them.

Mark 7:32 ESV

And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him.

- the man is healed

Mark 8:23 ESV

And he took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village, and when he had spit on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, “Do you see anything?”

- the blind man is healed

Luke 4:40 ESV

Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them.

- **All those who had any with sickness** were brought to Jesus, **he laid hands on them** and they were healed

› Who brought the sick?

- the **healthy** brought their sick to Jesus – *this is what Jairus is doing with his daughter*

Luke 13:13 ESV

And he laid his hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and she glorified God.

- This is a woman that had a disabling spirit for 18 years

Acts 9:17 ESV

So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

- Ananias lays hands on Paul after he is struck with blindness and scales fall from his eyes and his eyesight is restored.

Acts 28:7–8 ESV

Now in the neighborhood of that place were lands belonging to the chief man of the island, named Publius, who received us and entertained us hospitably for three days. It happened that the father of Publius lay sick with fever and dysentery. And Paul visited him and prayed, and putting his hands on him, healed him.

- Paul and company are shipwrecked on the island of Malta and Paul is brought to the father of Publius.
- The father was sick with a fever and bowel issues
- Paul lays hands on him and he is healed

James 5:13–15 ESV

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

Healing not only comes in physical form, but spiritual!

So many times Jesus would heal someones disease and then say, “go now, your sins are forgiven.”

Jesus instructions to us...

Mark 16:17–18 ESV

And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

These are the signs that follow those that believe in Jesus!

AN INCREASE FOR EXTREME FAITH

Now, on their way to Jairus' house, Jesus is pressed in by a crowd and a woman with an **incurable disease** brings a delay to the healing the Jairus has been contending for. Immediately following this woman's healing...

Mark 5:35–36 ESV

While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe."

› What kind of faith does it take to believe for healing when it's too late?

FEAR + FAITH + LOVE

1 John 4:8 ESV

Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

1 John 4:18–19 ESV

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us.

- **Fear** has to do with **punishment**

I found deliverance by reading this verse this week.

- Having a full understanding of God's love for us leaves **no room** for fear.

Psalms 27:1 ESV

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Romans 8:15 ESV

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”

- Paul is telling us that fear is an indicator of slavery

Slave vs. Son

- Slave is concerned for their wellbeing - Son has no worries
- Slave is valuable for what they do - Son is valuable for who he is

JESUS IS RESURRECTION

Resurrection - ἀνίστημι **anistēmi**, *an-is ´-tay-mee*; to stand up; arise; rise again

John 11:25 ESV

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,

John 14:6 ESV

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 6:40 ESV

For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

1 Corinthians 15:21 ESV

For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

If you are need of a resurrection in your life, I know a man!

OVERCOMING THE DOUBTERS

Mark 5:37 ESV

And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James.

I personally think it is interesting that **now** Jesus takes control of the crowd and allows no one to follow him.

Sometimes Jesus allows a little chaos and delay in our life – the reality is that it seems like chaos and delay to our limited perspective. Jesus was not worried when a storm when crossing the sea, he wasn't worried when a man with thousands of demons approaches, he isn't worried about a girl young girl being on her death bed, he isn't worried when the crowds are pressing in around him.

What may have felt like **chaos and delay to Jairus**, was a **breakthrough for the woman** with the issue of blood.

Jesus could've sent the crowd away from the beginning, but he didn't. He's big enough for everyone's breakthrough.

Mark 5:38–40 **ESV**

They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. And when he had entered, he said to them, “Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was.

Jesus removed the negative ones and takes those that carry **extreme faith** (or were at least open to some extreme situations) Matthew's account says, **the crowd was put outside** - sometimes you have to put the noise outside!

Mark 5:41–43 ESV

Taking her by the hand he said to her, “Talitha cumi,” which means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise.” And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Jesus lays hands on this young girl and speaks to her to **rise up**. Now, I find it interesting that Jesus charges them that no one should know about this.

Matthews account says Matthew 9:26 “And the report of this went through all that district.”

When Jesus is moving, you cannot keep it contained!

Matthew 11:28 ESV

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.