THE GOOD NEWS

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We've been watching Jesus do some incredible miracles and wonders

- Calling the Stormy sea with just a word.
- Kicking a Legion of demons out of a man's life
- Healing a woman of bleeding for 12 years
- Raising a girl from the dead

Mark 5:21-43

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Mark is framing for us the full scope of Jesus' saving power and purpose. If he had just come to heal... these people eventually died. Bigger purpose. Jesus did these miracles out of compassion but also as signs... Pointing to the the bigger and deeper purpose he came to fulfill.

Mark 1:14-15 After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 15 "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

In everything Jesus did and said he is proclaiming and demonstrating this good news. What is the good news... the gospel? How would you explain it?

FOCUS. How does Jesus demonstrate the good news in this moment. REACHES. RESCUES. RENEWS.

REACHES.

Jesus reaches us through the stories we share of his saving power and love.

v27 When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, 28 because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." "Heard" —> Believing "I will be healed". Mark 1:28 "News about him spread..."

v33 Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth.

"the whole truth"— Everyone is hearing her story—> Including Jairus.

v36 Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, "Don't be afraid; just believe." The story of others awakened faith in her and her story ignited Jairus's faith.

Rom10:17 So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ. When we hear stories of what Jesus has done— our faith is awakened.

RESCUES.

Jesus does three things to rescue people in this passage:

- He heals the woman's body of bleeding.
- He frees Jairus from the fear of death.
- He raises the girl from the dead.

What about the Gospel is Jesus demonstrating?

Isaiah 53: 4-5 But the fact is, it was our pains he carried— our disfigurements, all the things wrong with us. We thought he brought it on himself, that God was punishing him for his own failures. But it was our sins that did that to him, that ripped and tore and crushed him—our sins! He took the punishment, and that made us whole. Through his bruises we get healed. (The Message)

This prophecy was foreshadowing the good news of Jesus.

The gospel is that Jesus has taken upon himself our pain, our suffering, our sin and even death so that we might be healed. Jesus heals the woman's bleeding... because on the cross Jesus bled for us.

Jesus frees Jairus from the fear of death... because on the cross Jesus overcame his own fear of death. "Not my will be done... Your will!"

Jesus raises the girl from the dead...because on the cross Jesus put death to death and rose from the grave.

<u>Romans 6:23</u> For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The gospel is the good news that Jesus came to rescue us- in mind, body and Spirit.

RENEWS. 34 He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

Jesus doesn't only heal the woman but he renews her relationship with God as her loving Father.

He renews her identity as a child of God

He renews her relationship to Community.

Being renewed is about having a personal relationship with God as our loving Father restored. It's about a new identity that finds its deepest roots in God's love.

Without a personal relationship with God we center our identity on:

performance, our sexuality, our ethnicity, our religion, or our politics, our hobbies, or our gifts and abilities.

This is the GOSPEL: JESUS REACHED... RESCUED... RENEWED... CROSS.

Romans 10:13 "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."