Mark 5:21-43 (CEB)

21Jesus crossed the lake again, and on the other side a large crowd gathered around him on the shore. 22Jairus, one of the synagogue leaders, came forward. When he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet 23and pleaded with him, “My daughter is about to die. Please, come and place your hands on her so that she can be healed and live.” 24So Jesus went with him. A swarm of people were following Jesus, crowding in on him. 25A woman was there who had been bleeding for twelve years. 26She had suffered a lot under the care of many doctors, and had spent everything she had without getting any better. In fact, she had gotten worse. 27Because she had heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his clothes. 28She was thinking, If I can just touch his clothes, I’ll be healed. 29Her bleeding stopped immediately, and she sensed in her body that her illness had been healed. 30At that very moment, Jesus recognized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” 31His disciples said to him, “Don’t you see the crowd pressing against you? Yet you ask, ‘Who touched me?’” 32But Jesus looked around carefully to see who had done it. 33The woman, full of fear and trembling, came forward. Knowing what had happened to her, she fell down in front of Jesus and told him the whole truth. 34He responded, “Daughter, your faith has healed you; go in peace, healed from your disease.” 35While Jesus was still speaking with her, messengers came from the synagogue leader’s house, saying to Jairus, “Your daughter has died. Why bother the teacher any longer?” 36But Jesus overheard their report and said to the synagogue leader, “Don’t be afraid; just keep trusting.” 37He didn’t allow anyone to follow him except Peter, James, and John, James’ brother. 38They came to the synagogue leader’s house, and he saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. 39He went in and said to them, “What’s all this commotion and crying about? The child isn’t dead. She’s only sleeping.” 40They laughed at him, but he threw them all out. Then, taking the child’s parents and his disciples with him, he went to the room where the child was. 41Taking her hand, he said to her, *“Talitha koum,”* which means, “Young woman, get up.” 42Suddenly the young woman got up and began to walk around. She was 12 years old. They were shocked! 43He gave them strict orders that no one should know what had happened. Then he told them to give her something to eat.

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**Is Jesus the Object of Your Faith?**

***Mark 5:21-43***

***Matthew 9:18-26, Luke 8:40-56 (Parallel Scriptures)***

1. What does verse 23 tell you about Jairus? (vs. 21-23)
2. Why did Jesus ask, “Who touched my clothes”? (vs. 25-34)
3. How were Jairus’ and the woman’s needs similar?
4. What actions indicated the desperation of the two?
5. What statements demonstrated their faith? What did Jesus notice about the two?
6. Both of the person’s situations in our text involved “touch”. How were the touches different? What was more important in both cases? (vs. 35-42)
7. What was the significance of verses 39 and 43?
8. How does this text speak to you right now? Think about a need of yours that may seem impossible for you to overcome? How can our lesson be applied to your life and your “impossible” situation?

He Touched Me (lyrics)

1. Shackled by a heavy burden,  
'neath a load of guilt and shame;  
Then the hand of Jesus touched me,  
And now I am no longer the same.  
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Refrain:  
He touched me, O, He touched me,  
And O, the joy that floods my soul.  
Something happened, and now I know,  
He touched me and made me whole.  
  
2. Since I met this blessed Savior,  
Since He cleansed and made me whole;  
I will never cease to praise Him,  
I'll shout it while eternity rolls.  
Refrain: