

**16- Whose Agenda Are We On Mark 5:21-43**

So how do we handle these interruptions? Sometimes not very well, sometimes even minor things that happened send us into a tail spin or bring our perspective back to balance or reality. Many times we have to adjust our agenda in life.

**I- The Plan:**

We have the story of Jesus healing a woman with an issue of blood but that is sent in the context of a plan that was made and was being carried out when the interruption occurred. How do you handle it when you agenda gets sidetracked when God leads another direction? Everything we do including Sunday School had a time when it was a fresh radical idea for doing things. *Mark 5:21-24 And when Jesus was passed over again by ship unto the other side, much people gathered unto him: and he was nigh unto the sea. 22 And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet, 23 And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live. 24 And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him.* Jesus is presented with a situation and a plan is made to go to the house of Jarius.

**II- The Interruption:**

While they are moving along everyone is trying to be close to Jesus to see what He is doing. Many are probably hoping for a miracle in their life. I submit that everyone there had an agenda of some sort that they were after. Some of us today are here to get strength to make it through another week. Some are here to see what is going to happen today. All of us today have our agenda. What if God suddenly interrupted our lives with His agenda are we flexible enough to follow Him?

*Mark 5:25-34 And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, 26 And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, 27 When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. 28 For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. 29 And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. 30 And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes? 31 And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? 32 And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing. 33 But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. 34 And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.*

The circumstance changed in midstream. May I suggest when something like this happens that some will be disappointed no matter what occurs? The woman would have been disappointed if Jesus had not stopped. Can you imagine the disappointment of Jarius when Jesus stopped this woman?

**III- Refocus:**

I want to invite you on an exciting journey of exploration into the will of God for your life and this church's life. Will all be happy, no but then it is not about us as individuals. Let me give you the single key to it all. Find the will of God in each situation, each step and allow the trail to be winding and not a straight line without every considering a detour and we will see sights that we have never.

*Mark 5:35-36 While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further? 36 As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe.*

**IV- Redirection:**

Notice with the redirection that Jesus allows only a few. *Mark 5:37 And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James.* Then there are the events that occur when Jesus arrives at the home. *Mark 5:38 And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly. 39 And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth. 40 And they laughed him to scorn.* They were not happy, the girl was dead, and this man came in and questioned their assessment of the situation. So what did Jesus do, He kicked them all out.

*Mark 5:40b...But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying. 41 And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise. 42 And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment. 43 And he charged them straitly that no man should know it; and commanded that something should be given her to eat.*

Jesus raised the little twelve year old girl back from the dead. Yes, she was dead and no He did not allow the doubt of the people to keep Him from moving, after all He was on God's agenda not theirs.

Now the question is simple, who's agenda are you one. If you are lost and you are following your own agenda where is it going to lead you? Church family, will you commit with me to laying aside our personal agendas and together finding God's.