

# Sermon Notes

## Jesus confronts disease

A few things I need to remember from hearing today's Bible Reading and teaching.

## The Bible Reading

### Mark 5:21-34

<sup>21</sup> When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. <sup>22</sup> Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. <sup>23</sup> He pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." <sup>24</sup> So Jesus went with him.

A large crowd followed and pressed around him. <sup>25</sup> And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. <sup>26</sup> She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. <sup>27</sup> When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup> because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed."

<sup>29</sup> Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

<sup>30</sup> At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

<sup>31</sup> "You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered,

"and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?'"

<sup>32</sup> But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup> Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup> He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering." (NIV)

## A prayer

Almighty God and loving heavenly Father, guide me and teach me about you from your Word. Help me and others to see the wisdom and value of living life according to your word the Bible; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

## The Bible Study

### Questions:

### Read Mark 5:21-34

1. Why were the disciples puzzled by Jesus' question? (verses 30, 31) Why did Jesus wait for a trembling woman to speak in public before a crowd?

2. Do you think the woman showed great faith as she approached Jesus secretly or was her faith rather superstitious? What was the most important aspect of her faith? Think about your own faith in the light of this.

3. How is the word "faith" used these days? What does the Bible mean when it talks about faith? What other words might you use to make clear what "faith" means?

4. Think about what it meant for the woman when Jesus healed her. What does salvation mean for you?

### Read Romans 10:9-10

5. How much does a willingness to tell others about Jesus demonstrate genuine trust in him? Can genuine faith be silent? Think about ways you can share your faith "with gentleness and respect." (see 1 Peter 3:15)