



MESSAGE GUIDE

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THE MINISTRY OF BEING INTERRUPTED



MARK 5:21-42, PSALM 22,
REVELATION 21:1-8

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1. WHEN WAS A TIME WHEN AN UNEXPECTED INTERRUPTION IN YOUR DAY TURNED OUT TO BE A BLESSING IN DISGUISE?

When we read the Bible, we find there were times that people were met with an unexpected interruption. One of those moments is recorded in the Gospel of Mark.

READ MARK 5:21-42.

When we are able to read that story as a whole, it's a little less jarring. But if I was Jairus, this would have been a really hard journey. Your only hope for saving your daughter is on the way to your house, but instead of getting there in time, Jesus decided to stop. Yes, that woman needed help, but she wasn't dying like his daughter was. And then apparently after the woman is healed, Jesus decided to stay there longer to talk to the crowd?

To help make sense of this, we need to see that Jairus and Jesus had different purposes. Jairus wanted his daughter to not die. But the kids Bible I read to my daughters outlines that Jesus purpose was different. Jesus made the sad things come untrue.

Jesus couldn't keep going to Jairus' house because this woman felt invisible at best. She now had no money, no place in society, nothing to offer anyone, but Jesus saw her. If you feel like you have nothing today, if you feel like you are nothing today, I assure you, Jesus is in the business of making the sad things come untrue and he sees you.

2. "JESUS MAKES THE SAD THINGS COME UNTRUE." WHAT ARE SOME "SAD THINGS" IN YOUR LIFE OR IN THE LIVES OF THOSE AROUND YOU THAT YOU'RE HOPING TO SEE JESUS TRANSFORM?

Jesus sees you and he knows exactly how the story ends. This is why he was able to stop on the way to Jairus' house. This concept isn't just something Jesus lived out in Mark 5 though. Jesus lived this concept all the way to the end of the New Testament.



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You might be familiar with Jesus crying out on the cross “My God my God, why have you forsaken (abandoned depending on translation) me.” You might even be aware that this is a quote from Psalm 22. Much of this Psalm makes a lot of sense for Jesus to quote as he is hanging on the cross.

READ PSALM 22.

What if Jesus didn't just quote this Psalm to parallel his life to the parts like verse 18 where they cast lots for his clothing? What if Jesus quoted this Psalm to make a reference to the entire Psalm? Jesus endured an excruciating death on the cross, but Jesus also knew how the story ended.

We too know how the bigger story ends. We can know that what we see in Revelation 21 is true. That *God will wipe every tear from our eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain because the old order of things will pass away*, and Jesus will finish making the sad things come untrue.

3. HOW DOES KNOWING "HOW THE STORY ENDS" (AS DESCRIBED IN REVELATION 21) IMPACT YOUR ABILITY TO FACE DIFFICULT SITUATIONS OR INTERRUPTIONS IN YOUR DAILY LIFE?

What do we need going into this holiday weekend? I believe that we need to remember how the story ends. The story ends with Jesus making the sad things come untrue. And we get to join Him in this mission.

As you go this week, encourage one another to align our purpose with Jesus. Jesus' purpose was not to have the best turkey, or the cleanest home. It wasn't to let your family know that your kids are the best or brag about your new job.

Jesus shows us that we can stop and see people in a way that makes them feel seen. So, let's take that interruption. Let's ask that weird cousin about how their life is going. Let's stop to pray with that aunt who just lost her husband this year. Let's invite the people that have no family to join us for dinner. Let's be the church that joins Jesus on mission to make the sad things come untrue.

4. IDENTIFY ONE PERSON IN YOUR LIFE WHO MIGHT FEEL "INVISIBLE" OR OVERLOOKED. HOW CAN YOU MAKE THEM FEEL SEEN AND VALUED THIS WEEK, FOLLOWING JESUS' EXAMPLE?

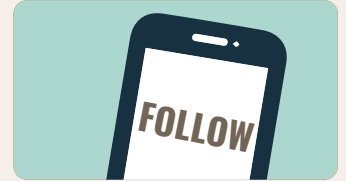


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NEXT STEPS:

- If you don't know how your story ends and you would like to talk with someone about what it means to pursue a relationship with God through Jesus Christ, text **"FOLLOW"** to 317-707-6462, and we'll reach out to you. Or, if you're ready to talk with someone right now or have someone to pray with, we encourage you to stop by the Next Steps Room, where people will gladly talk and pray with you.
- This week many of us will likely have an opportunity or multiple opportunities to live out the ministry of being interrupted. We might run into that relative that can be difficult that needs to know the love of God. If you are willing to say today that because you know how the story ends, you are willing to be like Jesus even when it interrupts your plans, pray this prayer together...



"God, you are the Alpha and the Omega. You are the beginning and the end. Help us this week to be confident in how the story ends. Help us to show Your love to those around us so that we can join Jesus in making the sad things coming untrue. In Jesus name we pray, Amen"