

SERMON SERIES: 52

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Sermon Title:

“Can Jesus Restore My Relationships?”

Introduction

This past week we looked at the question, “Is Jesus impressed with me?” We talked about how nothing is too hard for God, and we can trust Him to carry us through. We are shifting our focus this week to how Jesus can restore our relationships. Different types of people and relationships surround us. Some are healthy, and some aren’t. God’s word has a lot to say about our relationships, and our hope is to understand better what Jesus intends for us in them.

- Share a brief story about the first time you met someone with whom you now have a meaningful relationship.

Seek the Word

- Read Mark 5:21-43. How do the encounters of Jairus and the woman with Jesus highlight the importance of faith and persistence in seeking divine intervention?
- What similarities and differences do you notice between the healing of the woman with the issue of blood and the raising of Jairus' daughter in Mark 5:21-43?
- How do these miracles reveal Jesus' power and compassion, and what do they teach us about the nature of God's kingdom?

Go Deeper

How does the narrative structure of Mark 5:21-43 contribute to the overarching themes of faith, power, and restoration in the Gospel of Mark? Use tools like Blue Letter Bible, a Bible concordance, or a Bible dictionary to help find your answer.

Talk About It

- Do you have a relationship that need to be restored?
- When there is tension in relationships, do you tend to confront, ignore, or withdraw? Why do you think that is?
- What do you observe Jesus doing with this woman and with Jairus's daughter that you might use to help restore relationships in your circle of influence?
- How can we serve the people we know who are separated from those they love? Married couples at odds, parents and teenagers, best friends going through a rough patch, business partners, etc.

Wrap Up

Reminder: The “in-between” is where Jesus does some of his best work within us.

Challenge: If you are experiencing any relational separation, offer that person either forgiveness or an apology or both. Share with them that this is prompted by the realization of what Jesus has done for you.