



9. “Desperate Faith”

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Sermon Notes

The Mark of Jesus ALWAYS AIMS AT BRINGING RESURRECTION LIFE

*When I was desperate, I called out, and God got me out of a tight spot.
Psalm 34:6 MSG*

The Resurrection Life IS ONE OF DESPERATION MEETING FAITH

I. Mark 4:35-41

³⁵ That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side.” ³⁶ Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. ³⁷ A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. ³⁸ Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, “Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?” ³⁹ He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

Desperate Faith DRIVES US TO DEPENDENCE ON JESUS AND DELIVERS US FROM ANXIETY

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

II. Mark 5:1-20

¹ They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. ² When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet him. ³ This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain... ⁶ When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him... ¹⁰ And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area... ¹³ He gave them permission, and the impure spirits came out and went into the pigs. ... ²⁰ So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.

Desperate Faith SEES STRONGHOLDS BROKEN AND GIVES PURPOSE

In the past you were slaves to sin, and goodness did not control you. ²¹ You did evil things, and now you are ashamed of them. Those things only bring death. ²² But now you are free from sin and have become slaves of God. This brings you a life that is only for God, and this gives you life forever. Romans 6:20-22 NCV

III. Mark 5:21-43

...Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. ²³ 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." ²⁴ So Jesus went with him. A large crowd followed and pressed around him. ²⁵ And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years... ²⁷ When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak...Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering... ³⁸ When they came to the home of the synagogue leader...He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep."... He took her by the hand and said to her..."Little girl, I say to you, get up!" ⁴² Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished...

Desperate Faith DEALS WITH IMPURITY AND INSECURITY BY TAKING EXTREME RISK WITH HUMILITY AND PATIENCE

We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself. ⁹ Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. 2 Corinthians 1:8b-9