West Suburban
COMMUNITY CHURCH

"Desperate Faith"

Mark 5:21-43 ◆ Pastor Jim Lennon

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Introduction – *When Jesus returned to Capernaum, He is greeted by two people who are in desperate need of His help.*

I. The Delays of Jesus.

A. Faith is the focus of this passage describing the desperate needs of two very different people.

B. Jesus agrees to help Jarius, the ruler of the local synagogue, whose little daughter was at the point of death.

C. Their journey to Jarius' house was interrupted by a woman who had been suffering for twelve years.

D. Jesus takes the time to talk with the woman who was just healed, and point out that her faith in Him healed her.

E. Our faith will often be tested by the delays of Jesus.

F. Jesus encourages Jarius not to be afraid, but to focus His faith on Him.

II. The Power of Jesus.

A. Jesus raises the little girl from the dead.

B. Everyone was doubly astonished.

III. The Lessons From Jesus.

A. Jesus' delays will test our faith.

B. When life seems impossible, shift our focus to Jesus.

C. Jesus has the ultimate power over death, our greatest enemy!

D. If Jesus has you by the hand . . . .