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Life Incarnate

Mark 5:21-43 | Session 16.26

Before the Session

Facilitator: In advance of the session

- Review today's scripture text and the session activities to help better facilitate the discussion.
- Have the Bible Background Video ready to view.
- Encourage your group to listen to the Faithelement podcast ahead of the next session (Share the link via email or social media).

Context

Say: In the movie “Wonder Woman,” Diana, an Amazonian warrior princess, leaves her hidden island paradise to help end World War I. Teaming up with American pilot Steve Trevor, she discovers her true powers and destiny as Wonder Woman. Facing the God of War himself, Diana fights to save humanity, learning about love, loss, and the complexity of human nature along the way.

Share the [Wonder Woman trailer](#) and ask:

- Why was this movie such a noteworthy accomplishment for its time?
- What do you think it teaches about changing your life in order to better accomplish good?
- When have the needs of the moment called you away from something that needed to be done because something else had to be attended to?
- How do you typically react when you get interrupted while trying to accomplish something?
- What does our dealing with those things that we might see as “distractions from a larger mission” teach us about the nature of faith?

Content

Read [Mark 4:35-41](#) and watch the Bible Background Video before asking questions like these:

- What insights does this passage provide about Jesus' compassion, authority, and power to heal?
- How do the contrast between the woman's long-standing condition and Jairus' urgency regarding his daughter highlight different aspects of Jesus' ministry?
- What significance might the details about the woman's condition and the ruler's daughter's age hold in the overall narrative?
- What do the reactions of the people, including the mocking laughter, reveal about their understanding of Jesus and his work?
- How do the parallel stories of the woman and Jairus' daughter illustrate Jesus' concern for both the marginalized and the socially prominent?
- What do we learn about the role of faith in Jesus' healing work, as demonstrated by the woman and Jairus?
- What insights does this passage offer into the themes of power, vulnerability, and the restoration of wholeness that are central to Mark's Gospel?
- In what ways might this passage challenge or affirm our contemporary understanding of healing, miracles, and the nature of Jesus' ministry?

Closure

Say: "Hacksaw Ridge" tells the true story of Desmond Doss, a conscientious objector who serves as a combat medic in World War II. Despite refusing to carry a weapon due to his religious beliefs, Doss saves 75 lives during the Battle of Okinawa. Facing ridicule and persecution, he ultimately earns respect for his extraordinary courage and unwavering faith under fire.

Share this [scene from the movie *Hacksaw Ridge*

- In what ways do the actions and choices of the characters in this clip reflect qualities seen in the individuals of today's passage?
- What challenges or barriers out there might require a similar level of determination and perseverance to overcome?
- What lessons can we teach about the importance of trusting, even when circumstances are beyond our control?
- How might an awareness of vulnerability, power, and wholeness affect our understanding of the Christian call to care for the marginalized and the suffering?
- While they talk about "mission," how can congregations foster an environment of compassion and support for people who may not be the central focus of that mission?
- At what points should we be working to bring healing and restoration to our communities?