

# Summary

This sermon explores faith during life's storms through two intertwined stories from Mark 5: Jairus seeking healing for his dying daughter and a woman with a 12-year bleeding condition touching Jesus' garment. Pastor Kevin highlights Jesus' compassion and tenderness in responding to human suffering. He emphasizes that while everyone faces storms in life, our foundation determines whether we stand or fall. The sermon illustrates how Jesus responds to desperate faith with compassion, showing no favoritism between the respected religious leader and the socially outcast woman.

## Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, as we gather to discuss these powerful stories of faith and healing, open our hearts to receive what You want to teach us today. Help us to see Your tenderness in our own storms and struggles. Give us the courage to be vulnerable with one another, just as Lauren was vulnerable in sharing her story of infertility. May our discussion draw us closer to You and to each other. In Jesus' name, amen.

## Ice Breaker

When was the last time you had to wait for something important? How did you handle the waiting period?

## Key Verses

1. Mark 5:36
2. Mark 5:34
3. 2 Corinthians 1:4
4. Romans 2:11
5. 2 Corinthians 5:21

## Questions

1. The pastor said, 'Storms test the foundation of our life.' What foundations have you built your life on, and how have storms revealed their strength or weakness?
2. In the sermon, we heard about the woman who suffered for 12 years. How do you relate to her desperation, and have you ever reached out to Jesus in a similar way?
3. Jesus stopped everything to hear the woman's full story. How does it make you feel knowing that Jesus values your story enough to stop and listen?
4. The pastor mentioned that 'desperation is the language of the kingdom.' What does this mean to you, and have you experienced a time when desperation drove you closer to God?
5. How has waiting on God's timing been challenging in your life? What have you learned through seasons of waiting?

6. Jesus told Jairus, 'Don't be afraid. Just believe.' What fears are you facing right now that you need to replace with belief?
7. The sermon emphasized that healing often involves a team of people. How has community played a role in your healing journey?
8. The pastor said we are 'unpunishable' because Jesus took our punishment. How does this truth impact how you view your suffering or struggles?

## Life Application

This week, identify an area in your life where you feel desperate or where you're experiencing a storm. Instead of trying to weather it alone, take two specific actions: First, reach out to Jesus in honest, desperate prayer, telling Him your whole story just as the bleeding woman did. Second, invite 2-3 trusted people from your community to support you through prayer and presence. Remember that healing often involves both divine intervention and human connection. Write down any insights or changes you experience through this process.

## Key Takeaways

1. There's no such thing as a storm-free life, but you can have a storm-free heart by building your life on Jesus as your foundation.
2. God does not show favoritism - He responds to desperate faith regardless of social status, wealth, or background.
3. You can trust God's timing, even when waiting is difficult and painful.
4. Jesus doesn't just heal bodies; He heals hearts, minds, and souls, and often involves other people in the healing process.
5. Because Jesus took our punishment on the cross, we are 'unpunishable' - our suffering is not God's punishment for past sins.

## Ending Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for Your tenderness toward us in our suffering. Thank You for stopping to hear our stories and for meeting us in our desperation. Help us build our lives on You, the only foundation that can withstand life's storms. Give us the courage to reach out in faith when we're hurting, and the wisdom to surround ourselves with people who will support our healing journey. May we extend the same compassion to others that You have shown to us. As we face our own storms this week, remind us that You are with us, You see us, and You call us Your beloved children. In Your powerful name we pray, amen.