



CAN YOU THINK OF A TIME YOU WAITED AND WAITED FOR SOMETHING, BUT WHEN IT FINALLY CAME IT FELT LIKE A LET-DOWN? MAYBE A CHRISTMAS GIFT, OR A HOLIDAY, OR AN EVENT? WHAT WAS IT AND WHY WAS IT DISAPPOINTING FOR YOU?





NOW TRY TO THINK OF SOMETHING THAT DIDN'T GO ACCORDING TO YOUR PLANS OR EXPECTATIONS, BUT ACTUALLY WAS FAR BETTER THAN YOUR ORIGINAL HOPES. CAN YOU REMEMBER HOW IT FELT?

Now read Mark 5:21-43



- We're going to focus on the healing of Jairus' daughter, but before we do, let's spend a moment with the story-within-a-story here.
- Can you imagine the pain and shame the haemorrhaging woman had been feeling for 12 years? At the time she would have been labelled as "unclean" and been suffered both social and religious isolation, since anyone who touched her would also have been made unclean within that understanding. Imagine her desperation and her faith.
- Jesus set her free because of her great faith in Him - her belief that touching just the hem of his garment would be enough to heal her. Now imagine her joy and sense of being set free!

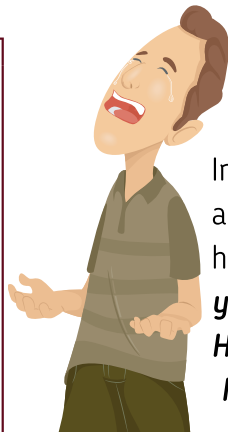
When you are hanging by a thread, make sure it is the hem of His garment.

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Check out the following Scripture verses about God's timing. Write out the one that speaks the most to you.



- 2 Peter 3:8-9 Proverbs 27:1
- Proverbs 16:9 Jeremiah 29:11-12
- Ecclesiastes 3:1 Proverbs 3:5-6



FOCUS: JAIRUS - THE DESPERATE FATHER

Imagine the desperation Jairus felt, pleading with Jesus to come and heal his sick child; the frustration at the delay on the way to his house; the devastation at hearing his little girl had died. **Can you identify with any (or all) of those emotions?**

Have you ever felt your prayers were not being answered?
Have you ever lost hope in a situation?

MARK 5:21-43

God's Timing

God always shows up

DID YOU KNOW THAT "BE NOT AFRAID" IS IN THE BIBLE 365 TIMES?



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NOTICE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN JESUS GETS TO JAIRUS' HOUSE, AMIDST ALL THE COMMOTION AND WEeping: HOW DOES JESUS ACT?

- Jesus tells Jairus not to fear, but to have faith in him, even in a seemingly hopeless situation. He raises his daughter back to life.
- Jairus had his own plan. God had another. Did God respond to his request? Yes, just not in the way Jairus had planned.
- God always responds, God always shows up, even if the answer isn't what we expected.
- Notice how Jesus treats Jairus' daughter with such

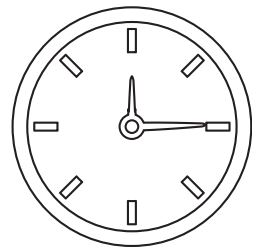
gentleness and tenderness, taking her by the hand saying, "Talitha Kum" / "Little girl get up." Imagine Jesus coming to you in your difficult moments where you feel you lack strength or the ability to press forwards, taking you by the hand and hearing him say to you, "Little Girl / Little Boy, Get up." Spend a little time journaling this.



WATCH FR MIKE SCHMITZ'S VIDEO ON "LETTING GOD TAKE HIS TIME."



We will never encounter God in the future, we will never encounter God in the past, we will only encounter God in the present moment. The only moment any of us have is the present. Do you struggle with staying in the present moment? Do you find it difficult to trust God's timing? Why do you think that is?



There's a story told of a little boy who got impatient watching a butterfly emerge from its cocoon. He decided to get a scissors to open the cocoon to allow the butterfly to become free more easily. But because the little creature emerged too early, its wings hadn't gained the strength they would from pushing their way out through the walls, and it didn't survive.

What areas of your life do you think God could be calling you to work on right now?

CREATE A PLAYLIST TO LISTEN TO IN TIMES OF WAITING / FRUSTRATION:



- [Waiting Here for You \(Martin Smith\)](#)
- [While I'm Waiting \(John Waller\)](#)
- [While I Wait \(Lincoln Brewster\)](#)
- [Still in Control \(Mack Brock\)](#)

Click the links for the YouTube videos to listen to some suggestions!

