

Mark 5:21-43
Life's Intersections

Title: What is an Intersection?

A)The Crossing 2 paths – two roads – Gibraltar Airport
Crossing 2 paths – two roads - Even two lives

I grew up in Santa Ana California – about 2miles from the CM border.

A)It was during a time in that area that racial tension was pretty high

B)Several gangs had marked their territory – Bloods the Crips and FX troop

C)The area where I lived at that time was **predominantly white – middle class**

When I was around 11-12 yrs old – an African American Family moved into our neighborhood

A)They had a son named Keith who was a year older than me – and a great athlete.

B)**Nicknamed Bullet** – He was fast – but also smooth.
1)Great Basketball player – we hit it off instantly – our love for Basketball and our mutual Iconic love for Dr. J. Julius Erving

C)He was the Michael Jordan – of my era – Smooth high flying act. - **Shoes White Red Converses**

Bullet was my first real African American friend – and to us color didn't mean anything.

A)We were like Gayle Sayers and Brian Picolo – Brian song

B)We would ride our bikes to FV gym and play basketball. –

1)Bullet was really good- we won a lot.

C)But there was one time that Bullet wanted to take **me to another Gym he went to – that was in the hood**

1)Jerome Center – His dad said I don't think that is such a good idea- take Rob there.

D)But Bullet didn't see it that way – to him I was just one of the guys his buddy.

E)He only lived there about a year – but my friendship with him helped shaped my outlook about race and relationships – **All the same**

Fast forward about 5 yrs – I was a Jr. in High School another intersection.

A)A confrontation with my new High School Pastor.

B)**Stern Rebuke – a humble apology** – tears
1)Instant respect and friendship

C)God would use this man Richard Cimino to challenge me to make **Jesus not just a part of my life but the center of my life.**

Fast forward another 7yrs – Lunch in the MTs with Jon Courson who would become a Mentor.

A) Encouraged me to pray about coming to Oregon to start a church. –

B) **Friendship was birthed** – He sent me all of his teachings on the entire Bible in Cassette form

1) **Boxes and Boxes of tapes**

C) I began to Devour them - - God used his teachings to shape my outlook on Scripture

1) Especially of looking **for Jesus in the text.**

D) Making Jesus the Center !

Life's intersections – they have a way of **shaping us influencing us – affecting our outlook on life.**

A) In our text today we are going to see two pp / two lives – that are going to **cross at the intersection of Jesus Christ .**

*Now when Jesus had crossed over again by boat to the other side, a great multitude gathered to Him; and He was by the sea.²² And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him, he fell at His feet ²³ and begged Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter lies at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live."²⁴ So Jesus went with him, and a great multitude followed Him and thronged Him. = Pressed up against him - **CRUSHED***

Jairus was a ruler of the synagogue - There was a synagogue in every city where there was 10 Jewish men.

A) The ruler of a synagogue was the elder in charge of the public services and the care of the facilities.

B) He saw to it that people were appointed to pray, read the Scriptures, and give the sermon & He presided over the elders of the synagogue

C) So being the RULER - that would mean that JAIRUS was a man of **Power / position** – Wealth

1) yet he was also a man of **GREAT NEED**

JAIRUS' NEED - His 12 year old daughter / HIS ONLY DAUGHTER / was sick and about ready to die !!!!

A) For a Jewish girl the age of 12, was considered the year she became a woman.

B) For a Jewish boy **it was 13 and 1 day** when he was recognized as a man,

1) I have no idea what that extra day did – many 13 yr olds – NOT A MAN

C) But it was the day of her 12th birthday a Jewish girl was recognized as a woman.

D) Jairus' daughter was 12 – young woman!

1) **ALWAYS BE HIS LITTLE GIRL!**

Daughters are Special

A) I have shed way more tears in watching my girls grow up and knowing – **my relationship with them is changing**

B) Your son – you expect to grow up and move out and find a wife – **Do his thing** { Son done well

1) **But your daughter – you give away**

C) Officiated My Sons wedding – Proudest day of my life as a Dad -

1) Supposed to happen – Wow! – Saw him differently

D) But I do admit when His lip because became to quiver - I almost lost it – But I was Proud

With my girls it is going to be different – There is going to be a little reluctance in walking them down the isle.

A) Son you expect him to defend himself and protect himself – but **With daughters you are protective!** –

B) When Amanda was in Jr. High some Boy broke her heart – really a jerk to her. { **I was mad!**

C) My son who I think was a Senior in HS pulled that boy aside and said – You ever hurt my sister again and I am going to hurt you!

D) I was so proud of my son! – Big Hug –

Daughters are Special and Luke in his gospel tell us she was his only Daughter – **even more Special!**

A) For 12 yrs she has filled his heart with Joy and his home with laughter.

B) **For 12 yrs she had brought sunshine to his heart**

D) He had watched her grow & learn to walk / talk / sing / **her life was like sweet music to his ears**

E) But now those **feet were still & becoming cold** / her **lips were silent** & his heart was crushed .

1) For that REASON he came to Jesus .

NOTICE 3 THINGS ABOUT HOW HE CAME !!!!

A) 1st He came in Humility! He Bowed down

AA) For Jairus to do this was Huge – He was a leader in the group that hated Jesus –

1) He put that aside – Humbled himself - **occupational suicide**

B) He would be **ostracized** by the religious community for going to Jesus –

1) But he didn't care – none of that mattered as his little girl lied at the point of death.

C) His Bowing down was saying – **“you are better than me – More honored than I.”**

1 Peter 5:5-7

"God resists the proud,
But gives grace to the humble."

6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty
hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,⁷
casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

James 4:10

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He
will lift you up.

C) Jairus humbled himself and is about to be lifted
up – Came in / Humility

2nd He came in DESPERATION - V.22 *he fell down
at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house,*

A) He was a desperate man w/ no where else to go !

C) Guys this is an attitude that we all need to come to
in our relationship w/ the Lord.

1) Coming to that place - (*I can't make it w/ out Him*)

D) Not just as it relates to salvation- *that is a definite*
for the scriptures declare there is no other name thru
which a man can be saved

D) But even after we come to Christ / we need to
come to that place of desperation - in realizing -
IT IS ONLY IN JESUS / NEEDS MET.

1) Only thru Jesus that I can walk / Stand / Serve /

*Hudson Taylor once noted that "God uses men who
are weak and feeble enough to lean on him."*

1st Humility – 2nd Desperation:

3rd He CAME IN CONFIDENCE v.23- *Come and lay
Your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she
will live."*

A) Jairus had a confidence that if Jesus would come -
his daughter would be made well.

B) Faith, boldness and desperation make for a
powerful combination.

C) So Jesus went with Him!

Now at this point in the story they are on their way -
when they encounter what at first seems to be an
untimely interruption

A) But we will see it was actually a very timely
interruption

B) His life is about to INTERSECT WITH
SOMEONE ELSE WHO WAS ALSO DESPERATE
AND IN GREAT NEED

Mark 5:25-28

25 Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve
years,²⁶ and had suffered many things from many
physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no
better, but rather grew worse.

Here we are introduced to this woman who had a serious problem who fights thru the crowd to touch Jesus.

Notice 3 things about her: Her Condition - / Her Conviction / Her Confession /

A)#1 CONDITION : flow of blood for twelve years

A) She was suffering from what doctors would call a **vaginal hemorrhage**, a continual flow of blood which gave her great distress and pain, -fragile

B) According to the Jewish traditions it also rendered her ceremonially unclean so that she was **ostracized from society**.

- 1) She had to keep her distance from everyone, could not mingle with people.
- 2) (**She was almost like a leper.**)

C) People were forbidden to touch her while she was in this condition.

- 1) Because of her condition she was cut off from **Church life** /
- 2) She was forbidden to attend services in the temple or in the synagogue.

D) And Mark tells us that she spent all of her - **livelihood on doctors but to no avail for they were not able to cure her.**

The Talmud (which is the written record of Jewish oral traditions) tells us that there were 11 different “medical” treatments for an issue of blood.

For example:

- "Take gum of Alexandria the weight of a small silver coin; Gum of alum the same size ; Gum of crocus the same.

Let them be crushed together, **and given in wine** (lots of wine) to the woman that has the issue of blood."

- "If this does not benefit take three pints of Persian onions; boil them in wine, and give her to drink, and say, ‘Arise from thy flux.’”

- "If this does not cure her, set her in a place where two ways meet, and let her hold a cup of wine in her right hand, and let someone come behind and frighten her, and say, ‘Arise from thy flux.’”

*Additional “cures” included carrying the ashes of an ostrich egg in a linen bag in summer and in a cotton bag in winter.

* Or to carry around a barley corn that was found in dung of white female donkey.

* One scholar lists common remedies of that day to include eating grasshopper eggs, carrying around the tooth of a fox, or the fingernail of a person who has been hanged!

So She had spent all her money on these sorts of remedies –

A) Truth be told the medical community as well as the religious community didn't know what to do with her!

B) But she would find the answer in Jesus!

C) So too today- **People with needs – the Medical community no answer, Psychological community**

1) Religious community

D) Jesus is able to set people free.

E) Jesus was about to do for this woman what **everyone else deemed AS impossible.**

1) In their minds she was a hopeless case –

NEVER WITH JESUS!

So THAT WAS THIS WOMAN'S CONDITION - NOW LET'S CONSIDER #2 HER CONVICTION -

27 When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment. 28 For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well."

A) She had this conviction - THIS FAITH -

B) She says to herself *If I can Just I know I will be made well All I need to do is to touch Him !*

Bb) So W/ her hand she touched the robe of Jesus but w/ her faith she touched the heart of Jesus

C) There is a wonderful picture here, / this woman, with a touch of faith, draws power from Jesus, **whereas all the rest of the crowd,**

1) Pressing around him on every side, touching him many times in the course of the journey, were not receiving anything from him.

D) Application - *the one who says If I can just touch the Lord - will be touched by the Lord .*

How do we approach Church

A) Have you showed up here today / some out of **duty / some out of **obligation** / some out of **habit** / others Purely Social**

B) And there is no sense of urgency - NO sense of - *Jesus I want to meet w/ you today - touch you w/ my bros. & sisters , & have you touch me.*

1) RESULT YOU PROBABLY won't get touched today.

C) But those who desire to meet w/ Him - whose hearts are longing to touch / Him & be touched by Him –

1) Will be blessed - **HE IS THE REWARDER OF THOSE**

D) See us grow- **Longing for his presence fill our services – Here – but manifest his presence.**

SO WE SEE HER CONVICTION- NEXT # 3 WE WANT TO LOOK AT HER CONFESSION.

Mark 5:29-

29 Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction.30 And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?"

31 But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'"

32 And He looked around to see her who had done this thing.

When she touches Him / Jesus felt healing Power leave His body - so He stops - WHO TOUCHED ME ?

Disciples look at Him like He is crazy. *What do you mean who touched you - everyone is touching you?*

33But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. (Lit. the whole story)

Several Reasons Why Jesus Stopped

A)See although the disciples were focused on the Multitudes – the many – the Crowd –

C) Jesus was focused on the ONE PERSON!

D)You in this group today! -

Another reason He stopped was because CONFESSION WAS NECESSARY

A)Jesus had her tell what happened to her because - it was important for her restoration w/ the people.

B)She told the whole Story !

C) He wanted them to hear what had happened to her

1)He wanted them to know that she was now made Whole.

C) So Jesus stopped to assure her of her healing & His love!

34 And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."

A)This is the only time recorded in the Scriptures that he ever used this term **"daughter."**

B)Same as Jairus – my only daughter

C)See there was another reason why Jesus stopped

1) He stopped for the sake of Jairus – He needed to hear this!

INTERSECTION TAKES PLACE

Two lives / two needs/ two entirely different set of circumstances – but there was one common thread.

Question WHAT DO YOU THINK - JARIUS WAS DOING WHEN THIS EXCHANGE WAS GOING ON ?

- A) I can see him at first wondering *-what are we doing why are we stopping - my daughter is dying & you are worried about people touching*
- B) Standing there arms folded / feet tapping / looking at his watch / hand thru his hair -
1) **UNTIL HE HEARD A PART OF HER STORY.**
- C) Woman told how she had suffered for 12 yrs she suffered - **12 YEARS**
1) I think that Resonated with Him!
- D) **THAT IS HOW OLD MY DAUGHTER IS!**

So important to share our stories

- A) Paul declared that we comfort one another w/ the comfort we have received
- B) **Catch the split second drama going on here** v. 34-34 *Jesus said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace."*
35 While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further
- C) **Imagine JARIUS AT THIS MOMENT – Wind KNOCKED OUT OF HIM – HOPE HAS DIED /**

Maybe HIS thought at that moment was – stupid woman WHY DID WE HAVE TO STOP

A) But Jesus interrupts those mental gymnastics by looking **JARIUS IN THE EYES & SAYING v.37 ,**
"Do not be afraid; only believe,

WHAT PROMISING WORDS - "*Do not be afraid; only believe, Luke adds and she will be made well.*"

- A) **JARIUS** had nothing to depend upon nothing to lean upon but the word of Jesus & what had just witnessed with this woman.
- B) Same is true for us - times of great trial & Tribulation - we **MUST DEPEND** upon the words of Jesus & the faithfulness of Jesus
1) In our lives & in the Lives of others
- C) Our Lords words to **JARIUS** tell us that our fear **HAS TO BE met by faith.**
1) Faith is the answer to fear -- believing that God knows what he is doing.
- D). **"Only believe"**
Not BLIND FAITH- PROVEN TRACK RECORD
Believe in the work I have done & will continue to do.

Listen Satan likes to come like these messengers & say - *IT IS TOO LATE - THERE IS NO HOPE* -

A) Things will never change / that loved one will never get saved / that area you are stepping out in - will never work

B) Jesus stretches out His hands & gently says to us like He did to JARIUS / **don't be afraid - Just believe !**

v. 37 And He permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. 38 Then He came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and saw a tumult and those who wept and wailed loudly. 39 When He came in, He said to them, "Why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but sleeping."

So they continue on to the house & As they come to the house the mourners have already begun their wailing cries

A) See It was customary in those days to **hire mourners** to bemoan the death of an individual.

There was a terrible frenzy about it.

B) They would actually rip their garments apart, tear out their hair, and cry out with loud shrieks and howls.

1)Two flute players FOR EVERY 5 MOURNERS

C)Balance out the sound of the wails with some sweetness.

1)But JESUS says - she isn't dead she is just sleeping

40 And they ridiculed Him. But when He had put them all outside,

E)They laugh – Mock She is a stiff – “we are professionals – 3rd one this month”

SO HE PUTS THE MOCKERS OUT

A)Wonder how He did it – **FORCEFUL?**

V.40b He took the father and the mother of the child, and those who were with Him, and entered where the child was lying. 41 Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, "Talitha, cumi," which is translated, "Little girl, (Little Lamb) I say to you, arise." 42 Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years of age. And they were overcome with great amazement. 43 But He commanded them strictly that no one should know it, and said that something should be given her to eat.

That my friends is what Jesus does – Picture of salvation. – Brings the dead to life.

A)Bible says that men apart from Christ are dead in their trespasses and sins.

B)Separated from God – from the life of God – from being able to live in relationship with God.

C)**Eternal death is to be forever separated** – that is what Hell is – weeping, anguish, gnashing –

1)Eternity living in the reality – I missed it

D)But **God desired none should perish** – Jesus came
Die – pay the price – Rise again – Give life – believe

The Bible declares Isaiah 53:6

**“All we like sheep have gone astray;
We have turned, every one, to his own way;
And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”**

A)To every wayward sheep here today – Jesus would say **Arise – Come to life – Dead no more**

B)Arise and follow me – Simple – Only believe

John 1:12

“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.”

C) Believe = Cling to, trust in and rely upon.

If you are here today – Far from God – Never really believed – clung to trusted in relied upon

A)Dead – empty – like that woman going from thing to thing – hoping to fill the void.

B)Come to Jesus today – Be made whole – brought to life.

C)Professed – never really walked – Make it real today – **Backslidden** – get right make it real today

D)Opportunity in just a minute.

But for every Christian here – I want you to think about something.

A)This week is going to be filled with some life intersections for you.

B)This week there is going to be someone you come in contact with that needs to hear your story.

C)Believer who is struggling

1)Unbeliever who is wrestling

COURSON: Treat everyone like they are already saved.

A)Talk to them like you would a Christian

B)Read the coolest thing in the bible today

1)Heard a great story of hope at church yesterday

C)If they don't have it – they might start to want it

Keep reminding you of this: Life's intersections for us are about making an impact for eternity.

A)Realize that – why you are here - AMEN

B) Pray!

– Unbeliever / Professed never walked

Backslidden need to get right –

LITTLE LAMB – ARISE !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!