

Being Available for a Crisis  
Mark 5:21-43  
10-3-21

Mark 5:26 - *And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse,*

Mark 5:35 - *While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further?*

Tony Evans said, If your car falls apart you go to a mechanic. If your house is falling apart you go to a repairman. If your clothes are falling apart you go to a tailor. Where do you go when your life is falling apart? When things are unraveling at a rapid pace and you don't quite know what to do? When there was the return of God it was often in the midst of a crisis, a situation that men could not fix.

For thousands of years, God's people have known "times of trouble" and "days of distress," sometimes all too well. And the same continues today. Over and over again Scriptures describe the faithful not as those who never saw trouble, but as those who cried out to God in their crises.

Big Idea – A crisis opens hearts to God!

***Being available for a crisis means...***

**I. You are Available to the Hurting**

Mark 5:21-24

*<sup>21</sup> And when Jesus was passed over again by ship unto the other side, much people gathered unto him: and he was nigh unto the sea. <sup>22</sup> And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet, <sup>23</sup> And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live. <sup>24</sup> And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him.*

## **Being available for a crisis means ...**

### **II. You Find Time for Desperate People**

Mark 5:25–26 - *And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, <sup>26</sup> And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse,*

The tragedy of it was that she “was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse” Her money was gone, her disease was gaining on her, her one chance came now with Jesus. She had tried everything! She still was unclean, and the condition was even worse.

If we look at the life of Jesus, we see time after time he was right int the middle of helping someone in a crisis. Not in the Temple but out in the community.

Jesus style evangelism is being available for and helping in crises. This takes a dramatic pivot and shift for many churches in programing and budgeting. This means getting out of the bubble and into the reality of a hurting culture that is in a crisis.

Far too long western Evangelical Christianity has been all about the Sunday morning service/show!

So much energy and effort when into this that there was little time for crisis evangelism.

- Big church. Three preaching services a week.
- Good band/choir.
- God Honoring Music or cool modern songs.
- Come to us we have what you need.
- Look at our buildings.
- Look at the programs we have for you to consume.

Rolling up sleeves and getting dirty is not part of the church. We are just too busy getting the next service and program ready.

Meanwhile the community yawned and checked out while the church ignored our mission field!

In many communities the church is just irrelevant and not important. Meanwhile the church down the street is having a big Bible conference and revival. The theme will be how bad the community and culture has become and how great things used to be.

Is it any wonder why the community views the church as irrelevant?

### **Mark 5:29–34**

*<sup>29</sup> And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. <sup>30</sup> And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes? <sup>31</sup> And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? <sup>32</sup> And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing. <sup>33</sup> But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. <sup>34</sup> And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.*

### **Being available for a crisis means ...**

#### **III. You Will be Ridiculed**

**Mark 5:35** - *While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further?*

**Mark 5:39–42 ESV** - *<sup>39</sup> And when he had entered, he said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping."*

*<sup>40</sup> And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was.*

Jesus states in John 15:18 that if the world hates us, it is because it hated Him first. If we are His ambassadors, we cannot expect to be loved by all. Many will malign, misunderstand and ridicule, but some will believe and see Christ through our actions.

Are you a disciple available in a crisis?

Who is the one you know in a crisis right now?

Are you in a crisis?

## SEED Group Questions

10-3-21 – Being Available for a Crisis

### Opening:

1. Discuss with the group any victories since last time you met.
2. Discuss with the group any struggles/crisis we can pray for?

### Message Discussion:

1. Studying “Jesus-style evangelism” we find primarily three different methods Jesus used: 1) He was a friend to sinners - 9/26 sermon 2) He was available for a crisis- today’s sermon 3) He showed hospitality - 10/10 sermon. Why is it important we study Jesus’s methods of evangelism?
2. Can you name other methods used other than the three above? Name a method of evangelism that has been abused.
3. Tell the class how you got saved. Where one of the three areas above used to introduce you to Christianity
4. The woman with an issue of blood - Mark 5:25,26 - <sup>25</sup> *And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years,* <sup>26</sup> *And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing*  
Why was she willing to risk ridicule and harm by touching Jesus? What was her current state of emotion? Are there people today who will listen to the Gospel because they are in a similar condition as she?
5. Jairus and his daughter – Read Luke 8:41 and tell the group how Jairus pleaded with Jesus. What do you think the crowd’s reaction was? How can we evangelize when we find someone in this desperate condition?
6. How can a church or Christians get off track by ignoring the plight of the desperate people that come across their path? Name specific reasons.
7. The last point of the message was if you are available for a crisis you will be ridiculed. The crowd at Jairus’ house laughed at Jesus, and prior to leaving they told Jesus don’t’ bother she is already dead. What are some other ways we can be ridiculed for getting involved in the life of a person in crisis? Be specific.
8. Name a specific gift that you believe God could use for you to be involved with people in a crisis.