



Facing Tragedy and Death:

How do I Handle Stress, Anxiety, Disappointment, and Devastation in Life?

Crossroads May 16, 2010

MARK 5:21-43

A Dead Girl and a Sick Woman

²¹When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. ²²Then one of the synagogue rulers, named Jairus, came there. Seeing Jesus, he fell at his feet ²³and pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." ²⁴So Jesus went with him.

A large crowd followed and pressed around him. ²⁵And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. ²⁶She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. ²⁷When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." ²⁹Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

³⁰At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

³¹"You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?'"

³²But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. ³³Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

³⁵While Jesus was still speaking, some men came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue ruler. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher any more?"

³⁶Ignoring what they said, Jesus told the synagogue ruler, "Don't be afraid; just believe."

³⁷He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the home of the synagogue ruler, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly.

³⁹He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep."

⁴⁰But they laughed at him.

After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum!" (which means, "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). ⁴²Immediately the girl stood up and walked around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. ⁴³He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.



CROSSROADS

Spring 2010

Date	Title	Passage
Apr. 18	Kingdom Growth Parables - Use it or Lose it! Fear & Faith – which comes first: Faith or God’s Work	Mark 4:21-34 (food & Fellowship)
Apr. 25	Facing The Storms of Life – Does God Really Care?	Mark 4:35-41
May 2	Facing Our Demons – Can I Really Change?	Mark 5:1-21
May 9	Facing Hopelessness & Shame – Does God See Me?	Mark 5:22-43
May 16	Facing Tragedy & Death How do I handle Stress, Anxiety, Disappointment and Devastation in life?	Mark 5:22-43 (food & Fellowship)
May 23	Facing our Fears – How does God Grow our Faith?	Mark 6:1-5
May 30	Seeking Wisdom	“Summer of Wisdom” Kick-off
June 6	<i>No Crossroads</i>	BFC Young Adult Retreat
June 13	Crossroads Summer Bar-B-Q	<i>Location to be announced</i>
June 20	<i>No Crossroads</i>	Community Bible School
June 27	Begin Crossroads in the Park	Book of Proverbs

All talks available online at: gracebfc.org/crossroads

Weekly Gatherings

Worship: Sundays at 6:30 pm

- Food and Fellowship 3rd Sunday

Sports: Mondays at 6:00 pm

- Currently Indoor Basketball

Bible Study: Thursdays at 8:00 pm

- Five Aspects of Man / Woman

Join us Sunday Mornings at Grace

- Worship 9 am, Learning Fellowship 10:45

BFC Young Adults Retreat

- June 4-6 at Pinebrook (see brochure)
- **Final Registration deadline MAY 30**
Mail in registration directly, then inform Mark
- *Scholarships are available, see Mark Bickel*

Special Events

Women’s Night Out

- Women’s Night Out – Friday May 28

Million Meals for Haiti

- Fri. May 21, Sat. May 22 Drexel Armory

Youth Group / Crossroads Tailgate Party

- Wednesday, May 26 at 5:30 in parking lot

Media 5K Run

- Friday, June 18 - help serve in various ways

Grace BFC Community Bible School

- Sunday June 13 - distribute invites
- June 20-25 – help needed in various areas

Bar-B-Q with other Local Young Adults

- Saturday, June 26

July - August

- Shore trip, Camping Trip and other outdoor fun
- Service Project at WIssinoming BFC
- Outreach in Philly, and possibly Cape May