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Mark 5:21-43 8B

IT IS GOOD THAT ONE SHOULD WAIT QUIETLY FOR THE SALVATION OF THE LORD.

Jairus had a huge problem. His precious little girl was ill. And not just with a cold or the sniffles; she was ill to the point of death. So, what does he do? He goes to Jesus. He falls down at Jesus' feet and says, "*My little girl is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live*" (v. 23). And Jesus goes to his house.

Its all quite wonderful. So, let me ask you – if your little girl was ill, ill to the point of death, would you do what Jairus did? Of course, you would because you've already done it. Not just when your little girl is sick to the point of death, but anytime a friend or loved one or you are sick. We go to Jesus. We ask Him to come, come with us and help us. And we ask trusting that Jesus would do for us what He did for Jairus – that He will come with us and give us His mercy and aid. After all, He is the One who has promised, "*I am with you always to the very end of the age*" (Mt 28:20). He is the One who has commanded us to cast our cares, our burdens, our worries, our fears upon Him. He is the One who said He will never leave us not forsake us. So, when someone is sick or ill or suffering in any way, we go to Jesus and say, "Come with us. Help us." And we trust that He will do it.

But look at what happens in our lesson. There they go, Jesus and Jairus – marching off to Jairus' house so Jesus can help that little girl. There is no time to wait because that little girl is ill to the point of death. So, they make a beeline for Jairus' house. Jesus has to get there to help his little girl.

But then, they stop. Or maybe I should say, Jesus stops. Jesus stops because some woman – a woman who has been suffering from an issue of blood for 12 years – has the bright idea in the midst of all this that if she only touched Jesus' garment, she would be made well. So that's the end of the story, right? After all, Jesus has to get to Jairus' house, so He can heal his little girl.

But that's not the way it worked. Jesus stops. He turns around and said, "Who touched my garments (v. 30)?" The people are confused. Look around, we are in a big crowd. Someone probably just bumped into you. But no, Jesus knows someone intentionally touched His garment because He felt power leave His body. So, He looks around, finds this woman, and they have this big, long conversation.

At this point, put yourself in Jairus' shoes. What are you going to be doing? Here you are – your little girl is sick to the point of death, you beg Jesus to help, He is going to your house, and He stops. He just **stops**. What are you going to do? What are you going to say? Maybe to the woman, you would say something like, "Hey Lady. I know you are sick. I know you have a problem. But it's been 12 years and you seem to be getting along ok. My daughter is dying. If we wait even a hour, even one minute, she will be dead. So, leave Jesus alone so He can come to my house."

Or, maybe you would talk directly to Jesus and say something like, "Forgive me, Lord. I know you want to talk to his poor woman, but, tide, time, and formation wait for no man. Let's go, Jesus, my little girl is dying. It's been 12 years. Can't she wait just a little more? Can't we go to my house and I'll get her name, phone number, even her email, and you can text her later. Let's go! My little girl is dying."

The reality is this: when someone we know, when someone we love, when someone as precious to us as a little daughter is ill -- ill to the point of death -- we do that Jairus did, we call upon Jesus, "Come, help us," and we trust that He will.

But at times, our journey is very much like it was for Jairus. Jesus stops. He seems to delay His coming to help us. And honestly, we've not always so polite about how we feel about Jesus doing that. When that happens, we moan, we groan, we complain, we even curse God, "Come on Jesus, let's get going. Let's take care of my problem." The truth is we all **do do** it. Everyone does it.

Everyone except Jairus. What does Jairus do? He doesn't moan, groan, complain, or curse God. He just stands there. He's quiet, even when they come to tell him, "*Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further (v. 35)?*" He doesn't say a word. He just stands there and is quiet. He could he do that? Why does he do that? Would you do that?

Ya, you too, can do that. The reason why is given us in the Scriptures, *It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD (La 3:26)*. I'm guessing that you are thinking: Why is it "good"? After all, we know how it goes. The squeaky wheel gets the grease. So why not moan, groan, yell, curse Jesus, "Come on, come, help me!"

Why is it good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD? It is good to do that simply for this reason, Dear Child of God: BECAUSE YOU HAVE NO REASON NOT TO. Jesus has promised to be with you always, at all times, and in all places; every day and in all circumstances of your earthly life. It's good to wait for His salvation because He always does what is best for you, but He does it in His own time and in His own way.

Think about it this way: Shortly after Adam and Eve sinned against God and plunged you and me and the entire world into sin, death, and hell, God made a promise to them, *“I will send you a Savior, and that Savior will be the seed of a woman”* (cf. *Ge 3:15*). That child, that seed of a woman, was not born that day. In fact, there was some time before that seed of a woman was born. That’s not to say God was not with His children, because He most certainly was. That child was not born until the fullness of time had come. When the time was right according to God’s will and plan, Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary. But even then, He did not complete mankind’s salvation right away. A few years passed, 33 in fact. The time was not right yet. He was going to do what was best for us, but He was going to do it on His time, in His way. In fact, He had a mantra, *“My hour has not yet come”* (*Jn 2:4*).

But when His hour did come, He died on the cross of Calvary, bearing all of your sins, all of your death, all of your hell. He took upon Himself all of your moaning, groaning, complaining, cursing of God, and gave His life as a ransom for it all. And then, when the time was right on the 3rd day, He rose again from the dead to give to you forgiveness of all your sins, life, and salvation in His name.

He gave it all to you when you were baptized. And you also received His promise, *“I am with you always, to the very end of the age”*. And that promise is amazing because it enables you to do what Jairus did – wait quietly and patiently for the salvation of the Lord, for what He’s going to do.

That promise tells you Jesus is with you; He travels with you as He traveled with Jairus. He will always do what is best for you, but He will do it in His own way, in His own time. All you have to do it is look at Jairus to see how true that is. Even after all the delays, even after his little daughter

had died, Jesus was still with him, to do what was best for him. What was best for him was to go to his house and say, "*Little girl, I say to you, arise,*" and He raised Jairus' daughter from the dead (v. 41).

That is not to say Jesus will always do the miraculous with you. But it is to say this: Jesus is always with you. He will never leave you, nor forsake you. He will always do what is best for you. And He will do it **at the time** that is best for you. And if that tells you anything, it tells you simply this: It is good that you wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.