
Date: April 16, 2023 **Message:** Trusting God in Desperate Moments

Series: Gospel of Mark **Scripture:** Mark 5:21-43

3 tests of trust:

1. Trusting in _____

2. Trusting in _____

3. Trusting in _____

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Mark 5:21-43

1. How are the woman and the synagogue leader similar to each other? How are they different?
2. Have you ever been in such a desperate situation that you felt like God was your only hope? What did that circumstance teach you about trust and about God?
3. What is it that often keeps us from admitting our needs or revealing our weaknesses to others? Do you ever do the same thing with God?
4. Name a circumstance in which you struggled to trust in God's unlimited power and ability to do the impossible.
5. Name a circumstance in which you struggled to trust that God's timing is best.
6. Name a circumstance in which you struggled to trust that God's love for you is limitless and unconditional.
7. Jesus told the woman, "Your faith has healed you" (v. 34). So was it actually Jesus' power that rescued her, or was it her own faith? What role, if any, does our own faith play in whether or not God answers our prayers? Why might God *not* answer someone's prayers even when they have great faith?
8. How do these two stories encourage us that no person and no situation is beyond Jesus' ability to restore?