

2026-08-23 Summary

What happens when life pulls us in directions we never planned for, and how do we hold on to faith when everything feels like it is unraveling? In this powerful exploration of Mark chapter 5, we are drawn into two remarkable encounters with Jesus that reveal what it truly looks like to trust God in the middle of chaos. A desperate father, a suffering woman, a crowd pressing in from every side, and a little girl pronounced dead all collide in one breathtaking moment that forces us to ask: do we really believe Jesus is Lord of all, or only Lord of the things that go our way? The central lesson here is that faith is not a feeling or a wish. It is a settled conviction that what God has said, he will do. The woman who had been bleeding for twelve years did not push through that crowd because she felt strong. She pushed through because she believed that simply touching the edge of Jesus's garment would save her. And it did. There is something deeply challenging and deeply freeing in that picture for all of us who have been worn down by circumstances that seem to have no end in sight. This message invites us to stop negotiating with our doubts and start pressing toward the one who has already made a way.