



Gary Inrig – The Miracles (Helpless but Not Hopeless)

Read the Chapter in Advance of the Weekly Study. Make a Mental Note or Jot Down Something That Stood Out To You – and “Why? (Something strike you - strange – new or different?)”

Week 8 – Read Chapter Eight– Helpless but Not Hopeless – A Despairing Woman and a Despairing Father- Read – Mark 5:21-24/Mark 5:25-27/Mark 5:35-43

***NOTE:** Before beginning it is always good to see if there are any immediate prayer needs among the group and be sure to include within opening prayer. Remind all too that ... *“What we say here stays here” so there is freedom in sharing – we are all learning from each other and from the Holy Spirit together – “Iron sharpens Iron” (Proverbs 27:17)*

Opening Prayer:

Holy Spirit ... be with us as we explore Your Word - together - bless our time and our talks – as we seek to understand what it is You are saying to us and what it is we are to walk away with – we pray that no-one leaves the meeting tonight the same as we entered we pray this in Jesus name Amen!

Overview: In this chapter, Gary explores two intertwined miracle accounts from Mark 5, showing Jesus's authority over disease and death. Through the desperate faith of Jairus, a synagogue ruler whose daughter was dying, and an unnamed woman suffering from a chronic hemorrhage for twelve years, we see that helplessness is not hopelessness in the presence of Christ. The message emphasizes that hardship and tragedy are great equalizers—both the influential and the marginalized must come to Jesus in faith. Jesus not only heals physical ailments but also restores social standing, spiritual wholeness, and brings resurrection power. These miracles reveal Jesus as Lord over nature, demons, disease, and death itself, while showing His compassion reaching in all directions regardless of social status.

- **Helplessness isn't hopelessness** when we turn to Jesus. Both Jairus and the woman had exhausted all other options.
- **Jesus meets people where they are** - whether socially powerful or marginalized.
- **Faith is trust in Jesus personally** - not just belief in right doctrines.
- **Faith in Jesus** - not our circumstances, brings healing - "Your faith has made you well"

**- “LORD, you know the hopes of the helpless. Surely you will hear their cries and comfort them.” –
- Psalm 10:17 NLT**

Read together – Mark 5:21-24/Mark 5:25-27/Mark 5:35-43



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Share about a time when you felt completely helpless in a situation. What emotions did you experience? How did you respond?

2. What risk(s) did Jairus take by publicly approaching Jesus? What does this tell you about the nature of desperation?

3. The woman tried to receive healing secretly and anonymously. Why do we sometimes prefer to keep our needs hidden rather than bringing them openly to Jesus? What did she gain by being "found out"?

4. Both Jairus and the woman show that "helplessness isn't hopelessness in the presence of the Lord Jesus." What current situation in your life feels helpless? How might this truth change your perspective?

5. Gary points out in the book – that When Jesus said - "*your faith has made you well*" - He was showing that her faith was the means (or agent), but not the basis, of her healing/salvation. What is the difference between these two terms - "means" and "basis"? Why is this an important distinction to make, especially in light of salvation?

"Do not fear, only believe." - Mark 5:36



Things to Do this Week - Try to Put At Least One Into Practice (These are only thought starters) –

- **Identify your "touch point":** Like the woman who believed touching Jesus' garment would heal her, what specific step of faith is God calling you to take this week?
- **Challenge fear with faith:** When fear rises about a situation you cannot control, pause and speak Jesus' words out loud: "Do not fear, only believe."
- **Examine your faith:** Is your faith primarily in Jesus Himself, or in what you hope He will do for you? Journal about the difference.

Closing Prayer: *(this prayer is only a suggestion - please pray on your own as the Holy Spirit leads)*

–Note: If there are any needs that have arisen during the study tonight – lift these up - especially.

We - thank You Jesus for Your authority over every area of our lives. Help us to confess any area(s) that we've tried to keep hidden from You. Knowing that there is nothing hidden from Your sight! Help us to trust You –and to be open with You. Help us to remember that even when we feel helpless ... we are never hopeless in You! Give us Your grace, Your humility and longsuffering to wait on Your timing, even when it feels like we're at the end of our road - in Jesus name we pray - amen!