

Mark 5:21-36 (NIV)

(also see Matthew 9:20-22)

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. ²² Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he

saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. ²³ He 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." ²⁴ So Jesus went with him.

A large crowd followed and pressed around him. ²⁵ And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. ²⁶ She 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. ²⁷ When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed."²⁹ Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was <u>freed</u> from her suffering.

³⁰ At 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?'"

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

"Hope transcends everything. It goes beyond all doubts. It silences fear. It quiets despair." — **Nikki Rosen**

Faith never knows where it is being led, but it loves and knows the One who is leading.-Oswald Chambers

The Thrill of Hope a new and glorious morning



Beyond Ourselves. Beyond our Walls. Beyond Ordinary.

Awakened by Faith: awakened, inspired, strangely warmed "Faith is being sure of what we hope for." Heb 11:1

Animated by Love: motivated, energized, passion, grace "For Christ's love compels us..." 2 Cor. 5:14

Accomplished by Hope: *Resolve, perseverance, commitment* We labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God 1T 4:10

Hope Goes Beyond **FUTILITY**

Hope doesn't give up, give in or give out!

"He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?" Romans 8:32

Hope Goes Beyond FEAR

Hope is not wishful thinking, it is **Bold**, **Courageous** and **Active**

"Since we have such a hope, we are very bold." 2 Cor 3:12

Hope Goes Beyond ORDINARY

"she felt in her body that she was <u>FREED</u> from her suffering." v29 "The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight." When the world says When the world says can't Love says will When there is hope in life, Everything becomes possible

When the world says, "Give up," Hope whispers, "Try it one more time."

"No one is exempt from trials and tribulations. In fact, this is often what happens to people God loves very much, for it is part of God's often mysterious and good plan for turning us into something great." T. Keller

Psychologist William Marston asked 3,000 people, "What have you to live for?" He was shocked to discover that 94 % were simply enduring the present while they waited for an uncertain future. (See 1 Cor. 15:19)

But I am not alone in this. Most of you will by this time have lost a parent, a spouse, even a child. Your hopes for your career have not panned out. Your health has given way. Relationships have turned sour. We all know the dilemma of desire, how awful it feels to open our hearts to joy, only to have grief come in. They go together. We know that. What we don't know is what to do with it, how to live in this world with desire so deep in us and disappointment lurking behind every corner. After we've taken a few Arrows, dare we even desire? Something in me knows that to kill desire is to kill my heart altogether. In life we have only a few rare moments to do something great

Moments you were born for, born again for.

Defining moments – really great that changes your destiny,

¹⁷Warn the rich people of this world not to be proud or to trust in wealth that is easily lost. Tell them to have faith in God, who is rich and blesses us with everything we need to enjoy life. ¹⁸Instruct them to do as many good deeds as they can and to help everyone. Remind the rich to be generous and share what they have. ¹⁹This will lay a solid foundation for the future, so that they will know what true life is like. **1 Timothy 6:17-19 (CEV)**

"Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous." Joshua 1:5b-6a ESV

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining, It is the night of our dear Saviour's birth. Long lay the world in sin and error pining, 'Til He appear'd and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices, For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn. Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices! O night divine, O night when Christ was born; O night divine, O night, O night Divine

"Without faith it is impossible to please God." Hebrews 11:6. When we act with faith that goes beyond our abilities and resources, we please God. There will be times when we will face obstacles that appear to be too big for us to handle on our own. Like the Israelites on the edge of the Promised Land, God will give us opportunities to increase our faith by allowing us to participate in His plans. Sadly, the Israelites focused on the obstacles and their abilities rather than on God's plan. Faith compels to focus on His vision. Faith says, "I believe God will do this... and I'm putting my trust in Him with faith that goes beyond."

Then Jesus defined the aspect of **faith that goes beyond** the senses, including sight: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed" (John 20:29

The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, is the firm foundation under everything that makes life worth living Hebrews 11:1 (Msg)

When fear shapes our lives, safety becomes our god. When safety becomes our god, we worship the risk-free life. Can the safety lover do anything great? Can the risk-averse accomplish noble deeds? For God? For others? No. The fear-filled cannot love deeply; love is risky. They cannot give to the poor. Benevolence has no guarantee of return. The fear-filled cannot dream wildly. What if their dreams sputter and fall from the sky? The worship of safety emasculates greatness. No wonder Jesus wages such a war against fear. {Max Lucado, Fearless}

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover. —Mark Twain

Where is your ultimate Hope? What is it based on – possessions, power, or popularity

Is your hope in your capabilities? Intellect, beauty, cleverness Is your hope in your hobbies?

What is your alabaster jar? Tucked away for a special occasion When will it comes for you?

I'm more the critic and cynic than I am the giver and

Break open the Jar – give something you love for something you love more God already did it for you so that we would know we could trust his heart. My vision for you is to share your love and your generosity around the world.