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Assignment 5-2

Read Mark 5:21-43, which contains two stories. The first story is about Jairus and his daughter, the second about a bleeding woman. Note that the second story interrupts the first; that is, the bleeding-woman story is presented right in the middle of the Jairus episode. This is suggestive to us. Look at the two stories and list as many direct comparisons and contrasts between the two as you can find. Read carefully! Look hard! There are many to find.

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. ²²Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. ²³He 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." ²⁴So Jesus went with him.

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

³⁰At 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?'"

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

³⁵While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher anymore?"

³⁶Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, "Don't be afraid; just believe."

³⁷He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. ³⁹He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep." ⁴⁰But they laughed at him.

After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, "*Talitha koum!*" (which means "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). ⁴²Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around

(she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. ⁴³He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Just to get you started:

Jairus

Bleeding woman

1. aman	1. a woman
2. goes to Jesus for help publicly	2. goes to Jesus for help privately
Asked for help	Took without asking/touched him
Jesus went to help	Jesus healed instantly
Asked boldly	Feared Jesus
Healed by words	Healed by faith
Had people from his house	She was alone
Told not to tell anyone	Told to go in peace
Synagogue leader	Most likely an outcast because of her condition
Only 3x disciples with him	Everyone around him
Healed in private	Healed in public
Jesus knowingly healed	Jesus unknowingly lost power
Daughter healed	Woman healed
Astonished by the healing	Knew she would be healed
Fell at feet with pleading	Fell at feet with trembling fear
Calls her little girl	Calls her daughter
Jairus has a name	Known only as bleeding woman
Took Jesus with him to heal	Went to Jesus to be healed
Asked for hands to be laid on	Didn't ask at all
We know only a synagogue leader	We learn history: been to Dr's, spent all her \$
Close to death sickness	Lifelong sickness
Sought on behalf of his daughter	Sought for herself