

IMAGINE

going home

I Can Only Imagine Series
Mark 5:21 - 43

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When you think of “Home” what comes to mind?

1. Home is where the presence of _____ is.

This story features two people from two very different worlds:

A. Jairus, one of the synagogue leaders

When 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. Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. 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.” So Jesus went with him. (v. 21 – 24)

B. The hemorrhaging woman

A large crowd followed and pressed around him. And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. 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. (v. 25 – 26)

2. _____ need to make our home in the presence of Jesus!

When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, because she thought, “If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.” Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, “Who touched my clothes?”

“You see the people crowding against you,” his disciples answered, “and yet you can ask, ‘Who touched me?’ ”

But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.” (v. 27 – 34)

3. When we make our home in Jesus, it _____ our brokenness.

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. He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha koum!” (which means “Little girl, I say to you, get up!”). Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat. (v. 40 – 43)

4. The presence of Jesus _____ into the most hopeless of situations.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” (Revelation 21: 1- 4)

THE MAIN POINT:

**HOME IS WHERE THE PRESENCE OF JESUS IS,
AND THE PRESENCE OF JESUS IS WHERE YOU NEED TO BE.**



Doggy Bag: *Something to Chew On and Ponder This Week.*

1. What 5 to 10 words come to mind when you think about home?
2. Can you recall a time when you longed for home in your life?
3. Jesus has invited you home to a loving father, to forgiveness, and to redemption. How does his invitation speak to you today? When you think about a seat at the table of our father’s house, how are you strengthened and reassured for all you face today?
4. Read John 14. How does this passage change the way you think about home and heaven – and all your longings for a safe and never-ending place of love and acceptance?