

God's Plan Series: The Raising of Jairus' Daughter
Jesus helps us live, and Jesus helps us wait.
Mark 5:21-43

1. Read Mark 5:21-43.

- a. Where do we see waiting in our text?
- b. What does it say about this prominent man that he was ready to kneel before Jesus and bow his head to the ground in ancient near Eastern obeisance?
- c. How is it that he had such confidence in Jesus' ability to heal his daughter?
- d. What are the differences between Jairus' waiting and the woman with the discharge of blood's waiting? What are the similarities?

2. Why do we (typically) hate waiting?

- a. Stress and anxiety over the _____.
- b. Anything seems longer when our time is _____,
_____, _____, or _____.
Watch short, animated film entitled, "If you leave your queue you will never be happy again. Stay in queue!" by Laboratoire Ferdinand Lutz.
- c. Expectations of convenience and our struggle with delayed gratification.

3. "Those also serve who stand and wait." Read Lamentations 3:25-26.
Waiting is usually presented in Scripture as a good thing. Why?

- a. Waiting is passive and thus reflects and testifies to God's love for us in Christ. Patience: Romans 2:3-4. Endurance: Hebrews 12:1-3. Submission: 1 Peter 2:21-24. Dependence: John 5:17-20. Contentment: Luke 22:42.

- b. Waiting is withholding our works and relying on God's work for us. Proverbs 20:22 and Isaiah 33:2.
 - c. Waiting reflects hope and expectancy. Psalm 130:5, Isaiah 49:22-23, and Micah 7:7.
 - d. Waiting is eschatological and points to the last day. 2 Peter 3:13-15 and Titus 2:11-14.
 - e. Waiting for God is virtual picture of the whole life of faith.
4. Jairus waited for Jesus and his daughter died. When Jesus said she was sleeping (v. 39), they laughed at Him Read John 5:19-30. How does Jesus' raising of Jairus' daughter help us to wait?