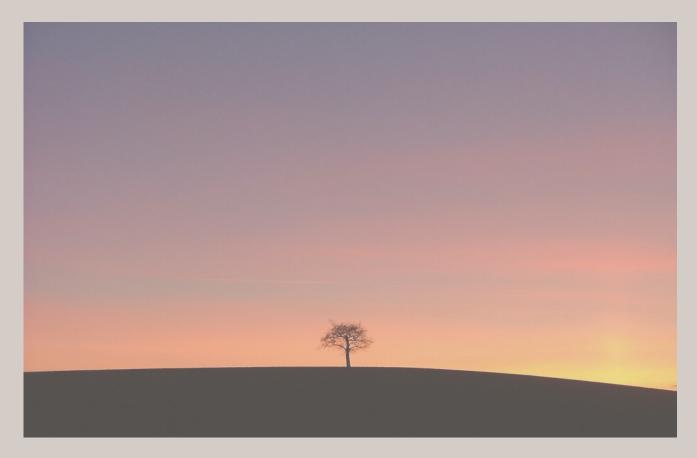
ST.ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH









DESPERATE FAITH MARK 5:21-34

MARCH 26/27, 2022

GETTING STARTED

As you begin, spend five minutes in silence asking the Spirit of God to open your heart and mind to the Scriptures. Before you turn to our passage for the day, spend some moments thinking about the sermon. Was there any new insight or point that caught your attention? Summarize the sermon in a few sentences.

LEARNING & LIVING OUT THE SCRIPTURES:

Read Mark 5:21-34 aloud and slowly.

Take some notes on the life situation of the women. What do you notice? How is she societally different from Jairus? Take note as to how Jesus responds to the women, to Jairus, to the crowd, and even to his disciples? Where do you see yourself in the story? As you reflect on the characters in the story and each of their interactions with Jesus, what comes to life in the scripture for you?

What do you think of each of these responses and how they reflect modern society? What do you believe about the power in Jesus' statement to the women, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease"?

How does this statement of Jesus restore her? How may it have set her free?



LIVING INTO THE WORD

V. 30 "And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, "who touched my garments"
V. 29 "And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed from her disease"

Immediately she placed a demand on the power of God, out of a desperation that drove her to an immense amount of trust.

The greatness of Jesus was that he was prepared to pay the price of helping others, and that price was the outgoing of his very life. We follow in his steps only when we are prepared to spend, not our substance, but our souls and strength for others.

THE EXTRA MILE:

Close your study in prayer giving thanks to God for the person(s) He used to bring you to Christ. Make yourself available to God so that He can make His plea to another through you.

Spend time giving thanks for the Word, praising God for the example of Jesus.

Go this week knowing, Jesus wants to heal all of you, our whole selves, not just our physical ailments! Be bold in placing a demand on the power of God.