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# WALKING IN POWER

**HOW**

**DO**

**YOU**

**DEFINE**

**POWER?**

**“Faith, which makes our meeting with God possible, is a divine gift, but its actualization depends on us. As it is received, faith can be expressed in the heart. The believer may use it, may agree that it gives him a fundamental orientation in life, but he may also choose to ignore it, and even to extinguish it completely.”**

**Wojciech Giertych**

**<sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. <sup>23</sup>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.” <sup>24</sup>So Jesus went with him. A large crowd followed and pressed around him. <sup>25</sup>And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. <sup>26</sup>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.**

**Mark 5:21-43 (NIV)**

**<sup>27</sup>When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup>because she thought, “If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.” <sup>29</sup>Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering. <sup>30</sup>At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, “Who touched my clothes?” <sup>31</sup>“You see the people crowding against you,” his disciples answered, “and yet you can ask, ‘Who touched me?’ ” <sup>32</sup>But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it.**

**Mark 5:21-43 (NIV)**

**<sup>33</sup>Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth.<sup>34</sup> He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.”<sup>35</sup> While 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?”<sup>36</sup> Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, “Don’t be afraid; just believe.”<sup>37</sup> He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James.<sup>38</sup> When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly.**

**Mark 5:21-43 (NIV)**

**<sup>39</sup>He went in and said to them, “Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep.” <sup>40</sup>But 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. <sup>41</sup>He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha koum!” (which means “Little girl, I say to you, get up!”).**

**<sup>42</sup>Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished.**

**<sup>43</sup>He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.**

**Mark 5:21-43 (NIV)**

# THE REACH OF FAITH

# **Reach:**

**to extend one's self in a posture toward Jesus despite external forces and obstacles suggesting something else.**



**The Reach of  
Faith Is Personal**

**<sup>9</sup> If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.**

**Romans 10:9-10 (NIV)**

**What You Promote You Will Personify**

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- 1. Status Doesn't Phase Jesus**
- 2. Interruptions Don't Phase Jesus**
- 3. Confessions Don't Phase Jesus**

# **The Reach of Faith Finds and Focuses on Jesus**

**Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from beginning to end. He did not give up because of the cross! On the contrary, because of the joy that was waiting for him, he thought nothing of the disgrace of dying on the cross, and he is now seated at the right side of God's throne.**

**Hebrews 12:2 (GNT)**

**Jairus**

**Wealth**

**High Society**

**Famous**

**Immediate Need**

**Planned**

**Unnamed Woman**

**Poverty**

**Outcast**

**Nameless**

**Ongoing**

**Spontaneous**



**Die Schachspieler**  
**("The Chess Players")**

**Moritz Retzsch**  
**(1779-1857)**



**<sup>14</sup>Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven**

**James 5:14-15 (NIV)**

**<sup>33</sup>Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth.**

**Mark 5:33 (NIV)**