

CONFIDENT IN CHRIST

MARK 5:21-43

Big Idea: Confidence in Christ yields great reward.

When we call on Christ we can come with confidence is because...

1.) Our confidence is in Christ's IDENTITY not our own.

-- True confidence does not depend on PEOPLE

-- Whereas Jairus was important, the bleeding woman was considered insignificant.

-- Jesus heals both the influential and the ignored.

-- He met their needs for redemption because they knew He was the only one who could.

-- We are saved not because of who we **ARE** but because of who Christ **IS**

-- Because we are one with Him by faith, we can walk by faith with confidence!

2.) Our confidence is in Christ's LOVE not our own.

-- Had Jesus not stopped and pointed her out, the people would have overlooked this woman in need (v. 42-45).

-- Even amidst the frenzy to save Jairus' daughter, Jesus still notices her (v. 45-47).

-- Although the love of people often falters, the love of our Lord never will (Psalm 32:10).

-- **Our ultimate confidence is not in the love of people, but in the love of ONE Person.**

- This Person is Jesus Christ, and there is no greater love than His (John 15:13).
- When we live in the love of Christ, we claim a confidence that cannot be shaken.

3.) Our confidence is in Christ's POWER not our own.

- Just as it was with the bleeding woman, so it was also with Jairus' daughter: Human power need not apply.
- **There is infinite, divine power revealed in Jesus Christ.**
 - Even **DEATH** is no obstacle to Christ's supreme power over all things.
 - We can come to Christ with confidence because genuine faith in Him still comes with divine power to heal us forever.
- When we call on Christ, we call upon the only power that can heal the spiritually sick and raise the spiritually dead.
- Let 2014 be a year of walking confidently in the identity, love, and power of Christ for the glory of God!