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- Jesus' agenda is always greater than ours.
 - Jesus is always teaching through the unexpected.
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- Believe Jesus for a resurrection in every delay.

Getting Started: What is the longest you have had to suffer with a physical ailment or had to rehab an injured part of your body? How did/are you handling the delay in getting healthy?

Digging In: Of all the people pushing for Jesus' time and attention, what two people get through to Jesus in this story? Why? Make a list of the similarities and contrasts between these two people? What obstacles did they each have to overcome to get to Jesus? Why did Jesus call the woman out after she was healed? Describe how you would have felt if you were Jairus when Jesus stops to heal this chronically ill woman when you have an acutely ill daughter at home? Why did Jesus have to say to Jairus, "Do not fear?" How is the woman an example of faith for Jairus?

Living It Out: What things are you waiting for God to do that seem like dangerous delays? When was the last time you "fell at Jesus' feet" and begged for help like Jairus? How likely are you to be like the woman and try every other option to find a solution *before taking your problem to God*? How do these verses speak to God's delays and our faith: Deut 7:22, 8:2-3; Ps 86:15; Isa 46:12-13; Luke 18:7-8; Rom 2:4, 8:16, 9:22-23; 1 Tim 1:16; Heb 10:36-39; 1 Pet 5:10; 2 Pet 3:9? What does the resurrection mean for you in a practical way in the midst of a delay you are experiencing? How will you bring your delay to Jesus this week?



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