

LIFE IS RUNNING OUT

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1st-creation life is running out, but the touch of Jesus makes all things new.

ONE: First-creation life is running out.

TWO: Jesus brings new life only through his cross-shaped power.

THREE: Your running to Christ in worship is God's only cure for your uncleanness and sin.

Interact with Mark 5.21-43 with these thoughts/questions:

1. In what ways are you daily laying hold of the significance that first-creation life is running out?
[First-creation life is that only from our parents and the now-frustrated, broken creation; cf., Romans 8, especially vv. 18ff. New-creation life is life in Christ, who is the first-born of the new creation, cf., 2Cor 5.17: *if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation*.]
2. Have you been touched by Jesus? How do you know? Does thinking of Jesus (who he is—TRUTH & who he is to you—TRUTH IN EXPERIENCE) touch you/affect you deeply?
3. Does knowing and worshipping Christ Jesus make you want to touch and bless others—both unnamed outsiders like the woman with the discharge of blood and named insiders like Jairus who have much standing in first-creation based communities?
4. *Agree/Disagree:* Your regular presence in running to Jesus in worship is a needed corrective to both (a) staying away from worship because of sin, thus you're unclean and shouldn't come AND (b) not faithfully coming to worship because you think you're clean; therefore you don't need regularly cleansing by God's word spoken through others in worshipping community.