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Written for Sunday, July 1, 2018

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Lectionary Year B

Scripture: [Mark 5:21-43](#) [**Summary:** *Jesus Never Gives Up*]

Supplies Needed: No supplies needed.

ASK (a.k.a. [The On-Ramp](#))

- Good morning!
- I have a question for you – what's something that was difficult for you to learn and took you lots of tries before you were able to do it right?
- *[Who knows what the kids might say, but if they get stuck, here are some ideas to use to prompt them:*
 - Were you always able to tie your shoes?
 - Ride a bike?
 - *How about walking? Talking? Eating with a fork, spoon and knife?]*
- Because you didn't give up or quit, you can now do those things, right? You kept at it, right?
- Well done with keeping at it until you learned it!

TELL (a.k.a. [The Freeway](#))

- In today's scripture story, we see that Jesus is just like you: He doesn't give up either. But he's has lots of times when he could've
- First, a father is asking Jesus to heal his daughter.
- Even though all the people surrounding Jesus makes traveling difficult, Jesus doesn't give up – he makes his way to the father's house.

- On the way, a woman touches Jesus and is cured. But Jesus wants to know who touched him. His disciples are like, “What a weird question -- EVERYONE IS TOUCHING YOU!”
- But Jesus doesn’t give up – he keeps asking and so the woman finally steps forward to say, “It was me.”
- Jesus then tells the woman that her faith has healed her and to go in peace – this is an important part of her healing and Jesus knows it, which is why he didn’t stop asking the question about who touched him.
- During this time, though, news arrived that the father’s daughter had died.
- The people then tell Jesus to give up, turn around, quit.
- But Jesus doesn’t listen to them; he doesn’t give up.
- Jesus continues on and because he does, he is also able to heal the daughter.

SHARE the Good News (a.k.a. *The Destination*)

- The reason that Jesus does not give up in this story is because the first thing Jesus does and then **KEEPS** doing is paying attention to God
- And because he keeps paying attention to God, Jesus keeps receiving God’s spirit and God’s healing love to share with the people around him – even when it is not easy
- We live in a world where there’s a lot of need for God’s spirit and healing love
- So much need, in fact, that we might feel like it’s too much and that we should just give up.
- This is why today’s story is a good reminder for us.
- Just like Jesus kept paying attention to God, so too can we keep paying attention to God
- And when we do keep paying attention to God, then we’ll be able to keep receiving **AND** sharing God’s spirit and God’s healing love with those around us – just like Jesus did in today’s story.
- And that’s the good news for today. Let’s pray.

CLOSING Prayer

Dear God,

Dear God,

Thank you for Jesus...

Thank you for Jesus...

...who never stopped...

...who never stopped...

...paying attention to you...

...paying attention to you...

...and teaches us how to do the same.

...and teaches us how to do the same.

Thank you and amen