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5th Sunday after Pentecost

Lectionary Year B

**Scripture:** [Mark 5:21-43](#) [ **Summary:** *Jesus never stops paying attention to God* ]

**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!

**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
- 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. This is a repeat-after-me prayer.

## **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**