

Spurgeon's Notes on Mark

5:25-28 - The child of Jairus had been twelve years living, and this woman had been twelve years dying, so if Christ could heal the woman who had been twelve years dying, he could raise the child who had been twelve years living. Although Jairus seemed strong in faith, he was not really so. He put the best side of his faith forward, while this woman, who was strong in faith, yet coming behind Christ and touching him, as it were, by stealth, put the worst side of her faith forward. We have known this to be the case in others--some who seemed to be strong in faith and none too strong. And some who seem to be weak in faith are much stronger than they seem.

5:35 - This ruler of the synagogue was on the brink of getting the blessing he sought, and then the worst news came to him. It may be that just now some of us have seemed to receive this sentence of death to all our hopes, yet we are on the verge of getting the blessing.

5:40 - That was the best way to answer the scorers. It is no good arguing with people who can cry or laugh to order or on command.

5:43 - When life is given or restored, the next thing needed is nourishment. When anyone is made spiritually alive, he or she should be sure to attend a soul-feeding ministry--and diligently read the Word of God--that he may get all necessary nourishment for his soul out of it.