

TALK IT OVER

He Gets My Desperation

BOTTOM LINE

All my efforts at religion and self-improvement will not help my condition.

CONVERSATION STARTER

What's one lesson you learned the hard way? Or how have you changed in the last 5 years?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily:
newpointe.org/thedaily
- [Relying on God During Times of Desperation](#) – Article by Meredith Hodge

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to sympathize and understand our weaknesses and temptations, but One who has been tempted [knowing exactly how it feels to be human] in every respect as we are, yet without [committing any] sin. Therefore let us approach the throne of grace with confidence and without fear, so that we may receive mercy [for our failures] and find [His amazing] grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:15-16 AMP

“Desperation only comes when there is a recognized need that is beyond our ability to meet.”

“Desperate situations will make your position irrelevant. It won't matter who you are or what you do.”

“If you want God to do something He has never done, He is going to ask you to do something you have never done.”

“In the crowd that day there were many people with physical, spiritual, and emotional needs. Dozens touched Jesus, but only one was transformed. Only one saw him as her Source.”

– Quotes by Dwight Mason

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What were the differences between Jairus and the woman? What did they have in common? With whom do you most identify? Why? When have you been in a place where the things that once worked didn't work anymore? What was that like? What did you do? What does it typically take for you to realize something is too much for you to handle? The woman became identified with her issue. That happens more often than we might think. What might people think is your identity if they read your social media, listen to your conversations, read your thoughts? Is it a true identity? Is it what you want and need your identity to be? If you want God to do something He has never done, He is going to ask you to do something you have never done. Discuss. Is that always true? How do you know? Daughters (and sons) don't beg and plead – they ask and receive. Discuss. What do you do? All who come to Jesus get more than just heaven. What? Jairus was seeing time pass and hope diminish. But Jesus came through for him too. Both learned 1) Trust Jesus, not your plans. 2) Trust Jesus to define reality and truth. 3) Trust Jesus' timing, not yours. What is He trying to teach you? Many touch Jesus, but not everyone is transformed. What makes the difference?

ACTION STEP

Desperation identifies my Source. I will trust His plans, His truth, and His timing. My Source is Jesus only in this situation: _____