



# THE MESSAGE CONNECT

#BETTERTOGETHER

The Message Connect is a devotion that goes deeper into Sunday morning's message, intentionally connecting it to our lives throughout the week. Through a 15-20 minute video and discussion guide, we challenge everyone to go deeper in their faith because we believe growing people change for God's glory and their God-honoring life purpose.

## WEEK FOUR: BE CONNECTED

Go online to [ringgoldchurch.com/themessageconnect](http://ringgoldchurch.com/themessageconnect) to watch this week's Message Connect video.

Throughout the life of Jesus, we see people coming to Him that seemingly had no possible comeback for their life. In the Gospel of Mark 5, we have the account of two such instances: the dead daughter of Jairus and a nameless woman in the crowd. On His way to heal the girl, as a crowd presses in around Him, this woman, who the Bible said had been subject to bleeding for twelve years and suffered greatly under the care of many doctors, touches Jesus' clothing. Her faith became the catalyst for a miraculous healing. Then when He reaches Jairus' house, Jesus simply takes the girl's hand, tells her to get up, and restores life back to her. In human eyes, these are impossible comebacks, but in Jesus, they are very possible. Incurable diseases, oppression, and even death are not impossibilities in God's eyes.

### Key Scriptures:

Mark 5:21-34

### Next Steps:

**1. Start Talking.** Find a conversation starter for your group.

How did your mother take care of you when you were sick?

When has the Lord ever healed you or someone you knew?

What are some common fears people have?

**2. Start Thinking.** Ask a thoughtful question.

What did you learn about God from the message this week?

**3. Start Sharing.** Here are questions to help you dig deeper into God's Word.

What is the most unlikely, unimaginable thing that has happened to you in your life? Take a few minutes as a group and share some of those experiences. What happened? How did it happen? How did you feel as a result of it?

Mark 5:21-34. For a moment, put yourself in the place of Jairus. How do you think you would have acted in that moment? Would you have believed Jesus for the miracle you needed? Why or why not?

Because of her condition, the woman with the issue of blood was considered unclean in Jewish culture and was not legally allowed to have contact with other people without loudly announcing that she was unclean. How do you think she felt when Jesus stopped to interact with her? How do you think you would have reacted, had you been in her place?

**4. Start Praying.** Be bold, and pray with power.

Take some time to pray over identified action steps and life issues. Pray that God would continue to actively grow and mature you in Christ.

Where do you need a comeback in your life? Where do you need Jesus to do the miraculous in your life? Pray, ask God, and let your faith become the catalyst for an unimaginable comeback in your life.

**5. Start Doing.** Commit to a step and live it out this week

- What is God saying to you through his word?
- What are you going to do about it?

#### DAILY BIBLE READING

Day One: Mark 5:21-34

Day Two: Matthew 9:18-26

Day Three: Luke 8:41-56

Day Four: Mark 7:24-37

Day Five: Mark 9:14-29

Day Six: Mark 16:1-20

*For more information about taking the next steps in your faith, visit: [ringgoldchurch.com/nextsteps](http://ringgoldchurch.com/nextsteps).*

### LET OUR PASTORS LEAD YOUR DISCUSSION.

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