What do you do when you are afraid? To whom or what do you turn? Do you whistle a happy tune? Do you wring your hands and sweat profusely? Are you paralyzed by fear or energized by its call to action? God addresses the fears of His people throughout the Hebrew and New Testament scriptures. He often reminds His people that it is right and fitting that we should fear Him At times, He rebuked His people for foolish decisions they made out of fear. Many times He gently encourages them with a tender, *"Don't be afraid. I'm here."* 

**Know Him** 

## Know He Knows you

**Believe Him** 

## **Personal Application and Interaction**

1. What do you think makes you stand out in a crowd?

2. What do you think the Lord likes about you?

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3. The crowd was pressing Jesus from every direction. What was it about the woman in Mark 5:21-34 that got His attention?

4. In your own words, how did Jesus recognize that something special happened in the midst of the press of the crowd? What gives you comfort and encouragement in this account?

5. Jesus was still on His way to heal the synagogue leader's daughter when He overheard someone tell him that his daughter was dead and he need not bother the teacher any longer. Verse 36 then reads, *"Ignoring what they said, Jesus told the synagogue ruler, 'Don't be afraid; just believe.'"* What stands out to you in this verse and why?

## Don't be afraid; just believe!

Mark 5:21-43

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