

What's the Attraction: Mark 5:21-32

Matthew 9:18-26 / Luke 8:40-46

THE OBJECT OF ATTRACTION

Who was the Attraction?

“Who touched Me”

Rapidly moved from WHAT He could do for me to
WHO He would become to me.

Who were the Attracted?

“A great multitude was following Him”

Total cross-section of society

- ...the curious masses
- ...the disciples
- ...two key figures

THE OBJECT OF ATTRACTION

Who were the Attracted? Two Key Figures

- Total Contrast -



Jairus

Religious Leader
Respected
Family
Admired
Of Means
High Social Standing

The Woman

A Nobody
Rejected
Alone
Despised
Bankrupt
Social Outcast



- Common Need -

Both found themselves at the feet of Jesus.

A matter of Life or Death.

The Point of Personal Encouragement

It's not an issue how much or how little faith one has, but rather the object of my faith – Jesus Christ.

“Faith, confident trust, derives its value not from the one who expresses it, but from the object in which it rests.” *Dr. John Grassmick*

THE CHARACTER FOR ATTRACTION

- ✓ A Person of Authenticity
Mark 5:7
- ✓ A Person of Hope
Mark 5:21,24,27,31
- ✓ A Person of Compassion
Mark 5:32,43
- ✓ A Person of Purpose
Mark 5:34

4 things happen

- *(32) Personal Friendship*
- *(33) Glorified God*
- *(34) Salvation*
- *(36) Encouragement*



THE PERSONALIZATION OF ATTRACTION

The Point of Personal Encouragement

If in fact we are The Church...The Body of Christ...
should we not – have the Attraction of Christ
should we not – have His Character for Attraction?

- ✓ A Person of Authenticity John 1:12

- ✓ A Person of Hope Colossians 1:27

- ✓ A Person of Compassion Matthew 9:35-38

- ✓ A Person of Purpose Acts 1:8

THE PERSONALIZATION OF ATTRACTION

AS A CHURCH:

- What is the attraction toward us?
- Are we touchable?
...Are we responsive to the touch?
- How is the Attraction of Christ – His Character – revealed in my Minichurch?
...my Care Group?

THE PERSONALIZATION OF ATTRACTION

AS AN

INDIVIDUAL:

- What do others see in my life that would give them hope?

- Would others see me as authentic – the real deal – as a child of God?

- How sensitive am I to the needs of my mate?
...my children?
...those with whom I work?
...the letter carrier?
...those with “no names”?

Father, I thank You for how You have chosen to reveal Yourself in and through Your Son, Jesus.

Thank You for the magnetism of His character and care for us as He responds to my needs, even when I fail to recognize them.

Thank You that through the power of Your Holy Spirit I can not only become Your child, but by Your power I can reflect the same character and attractiveness as Jesus.

I pray that You make our church touchable, that we might be responsive to those who touch us, and that we would be a source of healing to those in need.

I pray You take my life and mold it into all You desire as I seek to ask...*Who touched me?*...for Your glory and honor.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.