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*Gathering a family who loves and serves God through  
Jesus Christ and leads others in kind.*

A Bible Study in Mark  
*Faith, Power, and Love: Part IV*

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Our story began when a synagogue ruler named Jairus *fell at [Jesus'] feet and implored Him earnestly saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live"* (vs. 22-23).

Imagine your own child lying on their bed near death. Imagine the terror that would be in your heart. Jairus realizes that his only hope for his daughter is Jesus.

Do you realize that your only hope for your child is Jesus? Your child may be at home and in perfect physical health. What about their spiritual health? If we believe our Bibles we will take a lesson from Jairus and pray for both the physical and spiritual welfare of our children.

Where does health come from? In 1 Corinthians 4:7 Paul writes: "*What do you have that you did not receive?*" In our worship service every Sunday we sing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." The point is, all the blessings of your life have come from God—this includes your child's physical and spiritual health. Does your child know Jesus? Perhaps you have no children. Then let me ask you this, Do your loved ones know Jesus?

Jesus defines life as knowing Him: *And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent* (John 17:3). According to Scripture, we are spiritually dead until we come to know God through Christ. Do you know Him?

Jairus' is in dire straits. Imagine how excited, relieved, and grateful he is as Jesus agrees to help his daughter.

As Jesus and his disciples accompany Jairus, a great crowd follows. Their progress is halted when a woman who had been wrestling with an incurable disease touches Jesus in faith. Upon touching Jesus she is healed immediately of her disease.

We are told that Jesus stops to concern Himself with this woman. Imagine being Jairus. You would not be able to get Jesus to your daughter quick enough. You would want to move as quickly as possible and here Jesus is taking His time. Imagine your anxiety levels running redline as Jesus stops to speak with this woman. Does it ever seem like Jesus is taking His time in answering your prayers?

Look at verse 35, *While Jesus was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?"*

What kind of faith do those from Jairus' house demonstrate?

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<sup>1</sup> Unless indicated otherwise, all Scripture quotations are taken from the English Standard Version.

They believe that it is all over. The girl is dead. *“Why trouble the Teacher any further?”*

How do you suppose Jairus took the news that his daughter is now dead? Would he have been tempted to say, “Well, Jesus, thanks but now there is nothing we can do”?

Jesus offers this counsel to Jairus:

*“Do not fear, only believe” (vs.36)*

You will notice that there are two kinds of voices in our story—the voices of those who are from Jairus’ household and the voice of Jesus. The voices of those from Jairus’ household are voices from earth. The voice of Jesus is the voice of God.

Earthly voices say to Jairus, *“Why trouble the teacher any further?”* The girl is dead; there is nothing more you can do.

The voice of Jesus, which is the Holy Word of God, says to Jairus, *“Do not fear, only believe.”* Let me put it yet one more way: The world says *“Why trouble the Teacher any further?”* The girl is dead. Scripture says, *“Do not fear, only believe.”*

It is one thing to believe that Jesus could heal this little girl but it is another thing to believe that Jesus could raise her from the dead.

**There are many earthly voices that limit the power of God.**

These voices deny that God could come in the person of Jesus. These voices deny that Jesus could have been raised from the dead. These voices deny that Jesus is reigning from heaven at the right hand of God.

On the other hand,

**Scripture claims that God’s power is unlimited.**

That God promised centuries in advance to come and dwell with His people. That God made good on that promise and came in the person of Jesus Christ. That God lived a perfect life in Jesus. That God offered the life of Jesus on the cross for the penalty of the sins of His people. That God raised Jesus from the dead

Whose voice should Jairus believe? Whose voice do you believe?

We will continue next time.

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