

Mark 5:35-43 Faith Interrupted - Part 2 Rev. Dustin Largent

- You'll be surprised to hear this but about 20 years ago, I fell down the stairs at church. ER in the City. Waiting. Anger if someone goes ahead of you.
- Lady jumping off ship canal bridge 3 hours. Traffic jam. People yelling to jump.
- **Have you ever had an urgent need. Every second counts;** then delayed.
- **When you have a heart attack. Onset to Door (O2D) and (D2B) Time critical.** Survival rate drastically affected. If you have a critical heart attack you are 33 percent more likely to survive if you get there with 15 minutes. After that 5% survival rate. (Don't know if that's true).
- Jairus is in a critical situation with his only daughter.

Mark 5:22-23 ²² Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. ²³ He pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." ²⁴ So Jesus went with him. A large crowd followed and pressed around him.

- Look at next verse. ²⁵ And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. What did Jesus do? He stopped. He delays!
- This is what we need to talk about today. It's easy to have faith and wait when there's not pressure. No Timeline. Easy to help someone on your day off
- But what about when there's an emergency and you are on your way to an important meeting?
- **Once he asked Jesus and put his faith in Him, Jesus is in charge.** Anything that comes that is outside of your plans is ok. Jesus is in Charge.
- We must think differently. Expect your plans to be disrupted.
- People should say about you. Yeah, Dustin is supposed to be here, but sometimes Jesus delays him with other stuff. This is normal. We understand.

When Jesus is in charge of you, you are on His timeline. Expect Delays.

Mark 5:35-43 ³⁵ While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher anymore?"

- Have you come to the place where it seems hopeless? This is what hopeless looks like. Friends with ordinary logic say, "It's too late". "Don't bother"
- Imagine the anger that could have built. At the woman. At Jesus.

Fear and Faith don't go together. – Fear kills faith. Faith kills fear.

If you don't believe, then you should be afraid!

³⁶ Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, "Don't be afraid; just believe."

- Jesus gives us words to sustain our faith.
- When words of hopelessness and fear come from those around us, we need to listen to Jesus. Here Jesus tells him, "Don't be afraid; just believe."

When you are afraid, do this cuz' Jesus said to. "Don't fear, just trust me"

- **David Guzik says this,** "Jesus told Jairus to only believe. Don't try to believe and be afraid at the same time. Don't try to believe and figure it all out. Don't try to believe and make sense of the delay. Instead, only believe. Jairus was supposed to believe the word of Jesus. Everything else told him the situation was hopeless, but the word of Jesus brought hope.

- **In this situation every reason to fear has been confirmed and every reason to have faith has left.** – These are the conditions in which Jesus tells Jairus "Don't be afraid; just believe" You have one job. Believe. Anything else you try will to relieve your fear will just cause you to fear more because it will prove she's dead. So believe. Trust me. I'm asking you to trust me.
- **Astronaut John Glenn** said, "I guess the question I'm asked the most often is: "When you were sitting in that capsule listening to the count-down, how did you feel?" Well, the answer to that one is easy. I felt exactly how you would feel if you were getting ready to launch and knew you were sitting on top of two million parts -- all built by the lowest bidder on a government contract."

When you are afraid, don't look at the circumstances, look at Jesus.

Mark 5:37-40 ³⁷ He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. ³⁸ When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. ³⁹ He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep." ⁴⁰ But they laughed at him.

- 1st Century Jewish Funerals had to be held quickly because they didn't embalm and corpse would begin to decay and stink. (Lazarus 4 days)
- Three elements of a first-century funeral .
 1. Tearing of clothes. 39 regulations on how one's clothes must be torn. Relative had to rip directly over their heart.
 2. Professional Mourners. Vocalize sadness, agony, masters at howling and crying out.
 3. Hiring of musicians. Mainly flute players to play dissonant sounds symbolizing discord and death.
- **The professional mourners laughed at Jesus. Notice they don't get to be a part of this amazing event.** If you are left out of a blessing from God, it may be because you dishonor Him with your life.

Mark 5:40-41 - *After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum!" (which means "Little girl, I say to you, get up!")*.

- **He took her hand.** In the hands of Jesus is a great place to be. The best place to be. No need for fear when Jesus has your hand.
- Talitha (Little lamb) Koum (arise) in Aramaic
- ⁴² *Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. ⁴³ He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.*
- Why would Jesus not want people to tell what happened?
 1. Maybe he was afraid they would make Him king by force like in John 6:15 after he fed the 5000. ¹⁵ *Jesus, knowing they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.*
 2. Maybe Jesus didn't want the little girl to become a sideshow- Come see the girl who used to be dead!

We need not fear because Jesus has demonstrated his power to overcome even the most hopeless circumstances.