**Truth Sowers Life Group**

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**Jairus’ Daughter**

**Mark 5:21 - 24, 35 - 43** (also Luke 8 and Matthew 9)

*21And when Jesus was passed over again by ship unto the other side, much people gathered unto him: and he was nigh unto the sea. 22And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet, 23And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live. 24And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him. 35While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further? 36As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe. 37And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James. 38And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly. 39And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth. 40And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying. 41And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise. 42And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment. 43And he charged them straitly that no man should know it; and commanded that something should be given her to eat.*

Introduction:

At this point, Jesus was well into His ministry. His name was spreading wildly throughout Israel, so much so, that people would come for miles to hear Him speak and also to bring people to be healed. Everywhere He went, people would throng about him, some to learn, some to be healed, some to mock.

We are told of Jairus coming to ask Jesus to heal his sick, twelve year old daughter. Jesus went immediately with Jairus to heal the girl.

1. Who Jairus was.
   1. “One of the rulers of the synagogue.”

“An official appointed by the elders to look after the building, its contents, and its arrangements for [worship](http://www.encyclopedia.com/doc/1O94-worship.html).”

* 1. Certainly was a “religious” man.
  2. Certainly was a Jew.

Remember that most of the religious rulers did not like Jesus. They did not believe He was the Messiah.

1. What Jairus did.
   1. Jairus “saw” Jesus

He “perceived (Greek “eido”)

* 1. Regardless of religious opposition to Jesus, Jairus knew there was something true about Jesus and His ministry.
  2. Jairus “besought Jesus greatly.” Just like we would do if our daughter was dying.
  3. It would take quite an effort to get through the crowd and get Jesus’ attention.
  4. Jairus told Jesus what was wrong. Verse 23, “My little daughter lieth at the point of death.”
  5. Verse 23, “I pray thee” was not in the original Greek. He did not go through the “formalities” of trying to be religious. He got straight to the point.
  6. Jairus asked Jesus to come and,
     1. Lay His hands on the girl
        1. That she may be healed.
        2. And that she may live.
  7. The words hands is "cheir" in the Greek. It is used almost as if we would speak of a medical instrument.
  8. Jairus had faith that if Jesus laid His hands on his daughter, that she would be healed.
  9. So many times we believe the Lord “can” but we are not sure if he “will”. This shows the difference between “belief” and “faith”.
  10. **Where did Jairus’ faith come from?**
  11. Jairus belonged to a faith or a religious system that did not believe Jesus was the Messiah.
  12. Jairus knew that all it would take was a touch of Jesus’ hand and his daughter would be healed.
  13. This was where Jairus’ faith was.

**Was it necessary for Jesus to touch Jairus’ daughter for her to be healed?**

**Jesus could have just spoken the Word from where he was and she would have been healed.**

**He could have commanded the daughter to rise without touching her.**

* 1. We need to find a point of contact for our faith.
  2. Jairus had probably heard much of Jesus and perhaps had even seen Jesus heal.

1. What did Jesus do?
   1. Verse 24, “And Jesus went with him.”

The word "And" in verse 24, Grk. "kai", meaning a continuation. It shows that Jesus went immediately with Jairus.

*Types and shadows: When we see stories unfold under the old covenant of the law, those are “types and shadows” or examples for us to learn from. What happened in the natural realm then is a picture of what happens now, in the spiritual realm. The natural man looks at the natural, tangible life as being the most real but the spiritual man realizes that the spiritual realm is much more real than the natural realm and is eternal.*

* 1. When we go to Jesus, it is no different than when Jairus did except that Jesus sits at the right hand of the Father now so our situation is even better.
  2. Tradition tells us that we should continually beg when we pray.
  3. The Word of God says to “**believe we receive WHEN we pray**”.
     1. **Mark 11:23-24 (KJV)**   
        *23 For verily I say unto you , That whosoever shall say unto this mountain , Be thou removed , and be thou cast into the sea ; and shall not doubt in his heart , but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass ; he shall have whatsoever he saith .   
        24 Therefore I say unto you , What things soever ye desire , when ye pray , believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.*
     2. **Matthew 7:7-11 (KJV)**   
        *7 Ask , and it shall be given you ; seek , and ye shall find ; knock , and it shall be opened unto you:   
        8 For every one that asketh receiveth ; and he that seeketh findeth ; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.   
        9 Or what man is there of you , whom if his son ask bread , will he give him a stone?   
        10 Or if he ask a fish , will he give him a serpent?   
        11 If ye then , being evil , know how to give good gifts unto your children , how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?*
     3. We serve a good father, NOT an unjust judge as in Luke 8:1-18. (v.18,***God will avenge His children speedily***).
     4. Jairus and Jesus were met by a person from the house who said the girl was dead.
     5. They were thronged by people but Jesus made everyone stop following them except for Peter, James and John.

**Why do you think Jesus did this?**

Sometimes we need to get away from the naysayers and get around people of faith.

* + 1. The situation looked as though it was beyond despair, beyond help, and too late for Jesus to do anything.
    2. When Jairus saw that all hope was gone, Jesus said, “Be not afraid, only believe!” Jesus is saying this to us through His Word. When it looks like all hope is gone, believe!
    3. They came to the house and people were crying and wailing. People were even paid mourners back then. Look at what Jesus said, "Why are you making such a big deal out of all of this? The little girl isn't dead, she is just sleeping." Those people **knew** the girl was dead.
    4. After we have prayed, we need to speak to our problem. We also need to call things that "be not as though they were." [Romans 4:17](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ro+4%3A17)
    5. Then the people laughed Him to scorn. How long do you think Jesus let them laugh? Isn't this what happens today? People laugh at the Word. People laugh at us and scoff when we stand on faith.
    6. Jesus told her to "arise" Grk. "egeiro". In the Greek, it means to rise from obscurity, inactivity, ruins, nonexistence.
    7. Immediately the girl's spirit re-entered her body, she arose and walked.
    8. Jesus healed the girl, not only of sickness but also of death!
    9. Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone and also to feed the girl. Why did He have them give her food. Had she not eaten in a long time?

Conclusion:

When we face adversity, our example is to go to Jesus. We need to find a place where we can stand in faith and then when we pray, we need to believe we receive what we pray for, when we pray. Then we need to trust God to bring the answer those prayers (Hebrews 10:35, 36) even when it looks like there is no hope. Not only can He answer our prayers, He will answer our prayers! (Eph. 5:16)