
WALKING ON WATER
BIBLE CHURCH
Faith, Through Adversity
Luke 8:41–42; 49–56
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- And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house,
- 42 for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him.
- 49 While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher."

Luke 8:41-56

- 50 But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, “Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well.”
- 51 When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl.
- 52 Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, “Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping.”
- 53 And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead.

Luke 8:41-56

- 54 But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, “Little girl, arise.”
- 55 Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat.
- 56 And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened..

Power Over Demonic Possession

- Christ's victory over Satan: Through His death and resurrection, Jesus dealt Satan a decisive blow, severely restricting his power and influence.
- **Satan's Binding**: Matthew 12:29 portrays Christ as the stronger man who binds Satan, limiting his ability to operate as before.
- **Matthew 12:29** - Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, **unless he first binds the strong man**? And then he will plunder his house

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- Demons Remain Active: Satan and his demons have not been eliminated, but their power has been significantly curtailed.
- **Future Increase in Demonic Activity**: Scripture indicates that demonic activity will intensify before Christ's return.
- **Final Defeat Still Future**: Satan's ultimate destruction awaits the final judgment (Revelation 20:10).

Power Over Demonic Possession

- **Bottom Line:** Christ has already decisively defeated Satan and restricted his power, but Satan remains active until his final judgment. This reflects the biblical principle of “already, but not yet”.
- Christ’s victory is accomplished, but its full consummation is still future.

Jairus - Ruler of the Synagogue

- The synagogue ruler (archisynagogue) was the most widely attested office in the first-century synagogue
- The ruler chose Torah readers and prayer leaders, invited others to preach, contributed to the building and restoration of the synagogue, and represented the congregation to the outside world
- Synagogue rulers likely had religious, administrative, and financial responsibilities in addition to correcting those who needed discipline.

An Act of Worship

- Luke 8:41… And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house
- Throughout the Old Testament, falling at someone's feet conveyed both petition and recognition of authority.
- Jairus likely faced pressure from Pharisees not to support Jesus.
- His desperation made him unconcerned for others' negative opinions.
- This was his ONLY daughter. 12 Years old

When Things Get Worse

- Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher.
- There are times when you do the right thing and things still get worse.
- There will be voices that encourage you to stop
- Proverbs 24:10
- *If* you faint in the day of adversity, Your strength *is* small.

Examining the Facts; Believing In God

- “Your daughter is dead” was true.
- “Do not trouble the Teacher” was not.
- The facts were right; the conclusion was wrong.

Learning to Trust God’s Word

- Jesus said… Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well.
- Faith must sometimes stand against what circumstances appear to be saying.
- Don't let fear have the final word when Christ has already spoken.
- Holding on to God's Word doesn't mean denying reality; it means trusting God's authority over reality.

Believer’s Rest

- Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping.
- "For the believer, death is real, but it is not final!”
- The believer's death is a departure, not an annihilation.
- Paul described death as departing to be with Christ, which he considered far better. (Philippians 1:23)
- For believers, death has lost its ultimate victory because Christ has conquered the grave.

Jesus Dismisses the Crowd

- Jesus was more concerned with accomplishing the Father's will than impressing the crowd.
- The crowd The ridicule of unbelievers cannot cancel the power of Christ
- He takes Peter, John and James. Spiritual leadership requires preparation through personal encounters with Christ.
- DON'T CONFUSE THE CROWD WITH CHRIST!

Little girl, arise… Then her spirit returned…

- Christ shows He has Power OVER death.
- The return of her spirit confirms the reality of her death.
- The separation of the spirit from the body is not the end of our existence.
- "WHEN JESUS SPEAKS, EVEN DEATH HAS TO LISTEN!"
- John 5:25 - Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live.

Give Her Something to Eat… Jesus Cares

- Jesus was concerned not only with restoring her life but also with sustaining her life.
- Christ's compassion extends beyond our spiritual condition to our physical well-being.
- Jesus didn't overlook the ordinary needs of life while performing an extraordinary miracle.
- God's concern for our eternal future does not cancel His concern for our earthly circumstances. Include Him in the “small” things.

In Conclusion

- Jairus teaches us that no position, title, or status eliminates our need for Jesus.
- Sometimes following Jesus doesn't mean our circumstances will immediately improve.
- Don't allow what you hear from others to cause you to abandon what you've heard from God!
- Faith doesn't mean denying the reality of your circumstances; it means trusting the authority of Christ in the midst of them.