

Mark 5:36

“Do not be afraid any longer, only believe.” ~ Jesus

If we read the story of Jairus and his daughter in Mark 5:21-43 We will find a lesson that will bring us great encouragement in even our most trying circumstances. Jairus has come to Jesus on behalf of his daughter and he starts out with great faith in Jesus' ability to heal her. *And he entreated Him earnestly, saying, “My little daughter is at the point of death; please come and lay your hands on her, that she may get well and live.”* His request is immediately received and Jesus agrees and sets off with him.

This is a good illustration of where we very often find ourselves in our prayer times. Jesus immediately agrees to take care of our current trial or bill or life threatening problem and we feel His peace and comfort and willingness to help. However, the trial is not over. Everything seems to be going the way we had hoped because now we have Jesus coming to help us. Then the news hits... I'm sorry your too late. You didn't return with Jesus in time. Your daughter has died, Do not trouble Jesus any longer. There is nothing left to be done. His hope departs. A sick person being healed was possible, Jesus had done this many times after all, but death was an entirely different matter which surely even Jesus can't fix!

What went wrong? Jesus had agreed to heal her and was coming but we just weren't fast enough! If only He had made it sooner! Then Jesus steps in. “Do not be afraid any longer, only believe.” Jesus gives him a strong word of comfort. Do not look any longer at the circumstances, only believe.

How many of us continually deal with these types of situations? Jesus promises to help and then the last hope fails. Something happens that takes our troubles from being something God could have fixed to something that seems impossible even for Him. Very often in our hearts we think, “Why bother Jesus any more about the problem there is nothing left that anyone can do, its even to late for Him. Its just too late...” “Do not be afraid any longer, only believe.”

Jesus proceeds to do the impossible! He brings Jairus' daughter back from the dead! There is no such thing as too late for Him! The impossible will always be possible with Jesus! Let us take great comfort and encouragement in Him today and understand that He loves us and cares for us more than we can possibly understand or even believe! He loves us with a divine love that is not spiteful or shallow. It does not waver when we mess up but follows after us with no reproach. So let us praise Him and Thank Him and give Him all the glory for He is faithful to complete all that He has started not only in us but on our behalf!

God bless you all!

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