

“Why Troublest Thou The Master?”
Mark 5:21-24, 35-43

Introduction: One of the greatest tragedies that a parent can go through is the loss of their children. Seemingly, this appeared to be the outcome of Jairus’ daughter. “They had watched the sweet flower fade, till no color was left on the pale cheek, and the merry voice was still...” (F.B. Meyer) “Life is extinct; hope is dead; the light had dipped below the horizon.” (F.B. Meyer) However, Jairus, in desperation, knew of one other option. He left the certain people from the synagogue to make an inquiry from the Lord. What would be the outcome? Watch the events unfold as we go from verse to verse noticing how our Lord works through impossibilities.

1. The Burden of Jairus v. 22- “*And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet*”
2. The Belief of Jairus v. 23- “*And 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.*”
3. The Battle of Jairus v. 35- “*While 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?*”
 - a. His Hope was Crushed- “*...Thy daughter is dead...*”
 - b. His Helper was Criticized- “*...why troublest thou the Master any further?*”
 - c. His Hero was Compassionate v. 36- “*...Be not afraid, only believe.*”

Body: What was the motivating factor that made Jairus rise above doubt and discouragement to seek the Saviour? Hope was all gone and it was useless now that his daughter was dead. Certainly, we can find our Master working in the small trials of our life, but Jairus’ daughter was dead and it was pointless to trouble the Lord further. They felt as if Jairus must bear his burden and continue with his life. Nonetheless, Jairus sought the Lord even more to the point that the Master came to his house. Could the Lord work another miracle? Could he restore life to the dead? Could he bring the child back to life? These and other questions filled the minds of the onlookers. However, Jairus sought the Saviour more and more. What made him run after the Lord in the midst of turmoil? Let us look at some of the reasons why Jairus continued to “trouble the Master”.

- I. Because of His Comfort v. 36- “*...Be not afraid, only believe.*” John 14:18, II Corinthians 1:3
 - A. Our Attachment to Fear- “*...Be not afraid...*”
 1. “Fear imprisons, faith liberates; fear paralyzes, faith empowers; fear disheartens, faith encourages; fear sickens, faith heals; fear makes useless, faith makes serviceable—and, most of all, fear puts hopelessness at the heart of life, while faith rejoices in its God.”
 2. II Chronicles 20:15- “*And he said, Harken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the*

LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's."

3. Joshua 1:9- *"Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."*

B. Our Anchor of Faith- *"...only believe."*

1. "A faith that hasn't been tested can't be trusted." (Rogers)
2. "We never test the resources of God until we attempt the impossible." (F.B. Meyer)
3. "Real true faith is man's weakness leaning on God's strength." (D.L. Moody)
4. "Little faith will bring your soul to heaven; great faith will bring heaven to your soul." (C.H. Spurgeon)
5. Mark 11:24- *"Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."*
6. Matthew 21:22- *"And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."*
7. Matthew 7:11- *"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?"*
8. "I prayed for faith and thought that some day faith would come down and strike me like lightning. But faith did not seem to come. One day I read in the tenth chapter of Romans, 'Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.' I had up to this time closed my Bible and prayed for faith. I now opened my Bible and began to study, and faith has been growing ever since." (D.L. Moody)

II. Because of His Coming v. 38- *"And he cometh..."*

A. When He Comes He Clarifies v. 39- *"...the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth."*

1. "To the believer, death is only sleep; for the body rests until the moment of resurrection." (Wiersbe)
2. "He meant soon to bring her back again to life, and therefore to him it was as if she were but sleeping." (C.H. Spurgeon)
3. I Thessalonians 4:13- *"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope."*
4. I Thessalonians 4:14- *"For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him."*

B. When He Comes He Consoles v. 40- *"...he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying."*

1. Jesus left the company of criticizers and continued His work with those that believe.

2. It is a blessing to know that our Lord can walk with us to our problem.

III. Because of His Capability v. 41- *"...I say unto thee, arise."*

A. He is Capable of Appearing v. 23- *"...I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her..."* v. 41- *"And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her..."*

1. Isaiah 52:6- *"Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore they shall know in that day that I am he that doth speak: behold, it is I."*
2. Matthew 14:27- *"But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid."*
3. Luke 24:39- *"Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have."*

B. He is Capable of Awakening v. 42- *"And straightway the damsel arose, and walked..."*

1. It was No Problem for the Demoniac vs. 1-20
2. It was No Problem for the Diseased vs. 25-34
3. It was No Problem for the Dead vs. 35-43
 - a. Revelation 1:17- *"And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:"*
 - b. Revelation 1:18- *"I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death."*

C. He is Capable of Astonishing v. 42- *"...And they were astonished with a great astonishment."*

1. "astonished" (Strong's)- "to throw out of position, displace; to amaze; throw into wonderment"
2. "astonished" (Webster's)- "Amazed; confounded with fear, surprise, or admiration."

D. He is Capable of Anything Mark 10:27- *"And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible."*

Conclusion: What an amazing feat this was in the life of Jairus. This event reveals the ability of our Lord when impossibilities arise. It should make us want to leave the doubting "certain" people behind and follow the Lord closer. Believing that all things are possible with God is what turned Jairus' tragedy into a triumph.