



Day 10

Mark 5:21–43

Jairus is a desperate father. His little girl is dying. He falls at Jesus' feet, begging Him to come and heal her (vv.22–23). Jesus goes with him. Hope rises. And then—delay. A woman in the crowd touches Jesus' cloak, and He stops to speak with her. While Jesus talks, Jairus waits.

Jesus made Jairus wait, so that He could heal someone else. What if your time of waiting is so that God can bless someone else? Are you willing to wait for what you are wanting, needing, or asking for in order to be a blessing to someone else?

It is also possible (as was the case here in Mark 5) that God is waiting to act so that He can more marvelously and miraculously display His power and glory through your situation.

Don't let waiting shake your faith, let it broaden your horizons for the many other things our Sovereign Lord may be doing.

In verse 35, the dreaded news comes: "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?"

That is the fear in all our waiting, isn't it? "It's too late now. If God was going to do something, He would have done it by now."

Listen to Jesus' words: "Do not fear, only believe" (v.36).

While you wait and the situation seems to get worse, not better, you can feel like God is busy helping others, stopping for someone else's miracle. In those moments, He says the same thing: "Do not fear, only believe."

Waiting on God may mean watching something precious die—a dream, a plan, a timeline. It may mean God is setting it up for a glorious resurrection. Or it could be that He has a better plan.

Pray: "Lord, help me to fight the good fight, finish the race, and keep the faith. Let me wait for 'that day' with love for You."