

Beach Break

A Father's Fight for His Family

Mark 5:21-24; 35-43

→ ***The most endangered species in America today is the Spirit-filled husband and father!***

→ ***Men, who among you will rise up to face the enormous battle against marriage, family, and fatherhood?***

→ ***Who will join me in this epic battle for the glory of God and the soul of our nation?***

→ ***Who will move from the sidelines of sloth and apathy into the raging demonic battle unleashed against our families and this nation?***

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Right in the middle of this story is the famous story of the woman with the issue of blood that was healed by just touching Jesus' garment...

Mark 5:35–43 (ESV) — While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?” But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of

the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. And when he had entered, he said to them, “Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. Taking her by the hand he said to her, “Talitha cumi,” which means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise.” And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

In this story we are going to see how this father fought for his family...

Through this, dads, we too can learn how to fight for our family...

1. A Father's FAMILY must be his PRIORITY

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Jairus doesn't approach Jesus as the synagogue ruler, he comes as a Dad!

Being a leader of the synagogue was Jairus' occupation, being a dad was his obsession!

➤ **Your CAREER is your OCCUPATION, but your FAMILY must be your OBSESSION!**

Dads, the greatest gift you can give your kids is to love their Mother!

Ephesians 5:25 (ESV) — Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her

2. A Father's FOCUS must be his PROVISION

Mark 5:22–24a (ESV) — Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." And he went with him...

Providing for our family means doing whatever is necessary to take care of them...

We have within us as Dads the longing to provide for the needs of our family...

For Jairus, his daughter was dying, his wife was crying, his family was unraveling and he had to fix the problem...

It is certain he tried doctors, medicines, prayers, etc...

... But nothing was working

Then Jairus gets word that Jesus, the healer everyone was talking about was coming to shore...

Without hesitation, Jairus takes out...

He pushes his way through the crowd...

His desperation is a fever pitch...

If something isn't done quickly his family will crash...

So when he sees Jesus, Jairus throws out dignity and falls at His feet...

Listen to Jairus' desperate cry for help...

Mark 5:22b–23 (ESV) — ... he fell at his feet and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live."

I'm sure, at this point, Jairus will not quit begging until Jesus comes with him...

Imagine his relief when Jesus says, "Ok, let's go".

Mark 5:24a (ESV) — And he went with him...

3. A Father's FEAR is failing in his PROTECTION

Mark 5:35 (ESV) — While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?"

Can you imagine the swing of emotion!?!

Jairus' hopeful excitement when Jesus comes with him...

As they are going people are crowding around so close that they are slowing them down...

Jairus knows that every minute is precious...

Then suddenly Jesus stops and asks who had just touched Him...

Can you imagine Jairus' frustration!

"Who cares! My daughter is dying! Come on! You can sort all that out later!

They as Jairus gets Jesus back on track, he sees some friends coming ...

They had been with him and his wife at his house...

Their faces begin revealing his worst nightmare...

4. A Father's FAITH must always PERSEVERE

Mark 5:36 (ESV) — But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe."

Jairus enters into the faith battle of his life!

What will he do?

Will Jairus' faith drown in the facts from his friends, or will his faith rise in the truth of Jesus' word?

➤ **FAITH causes the FACTS of our REALITIES to come in line with the TRUTH of God's PROMISES!**

Let's walk together with Jesus and this dad...

Mark 5:37–38 (ESV) — And he [Jesus] allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly.

The trauma and the drama must have been heartbreaking!

Mark 5:39–43 (ESV) — And when he had entered, he said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him...

Physically, Jairus' daughter was not breathing... she was dead

Jesus wasn't confused...

In fact, the word Jesus uses here can be used for death...

1 Thessalonians 4:13 (ESV) — But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

John 11:11 (ESV) — After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him."

John 11:14 (ESV) — Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died,

With Jairus' friends laughing [mockingly] at Jesus' ridiculous statement what would Jairus believe?

With Jairus' wife broken and weeping tucked under Jairus' arm, what would Jairus believe?

He simply continued to follow Jesus!

Mark 5:40 (ESV) — And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was.

Think of the crushing sight of seeing the lifeless body of his daughter...

Again, Jairus faith simply watched Jesus...

... Until finally Jesus called on his daughter!

Mark 5:41-43 (ESV) — Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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