

WHEN HOPE GETS HARD

Matthew 9:18-26

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18 While He spoke these things to them, behold, a ruler came and worshiped Him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay Your hand on her and she will live." 19 So Jesus arose and followed him, and so did His disciples. 20 And suddenly, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came from behind and touched the hem of His garment. 21 For she said to herself, "If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well."

22 But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, "Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that hour.

23 When Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the flute players and the noisy crowd wailing, 24 He said to them, "Make room, for the girl is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him. 25 But when the crowd was put outside, He went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. 26 And the report of this went out into all that land.

COME TO JESUS (vv. 18–21)

You don't have to wait until your faith is stronger...

You don't have to get your questions answered...

You don't have to fix your life before you come to Him...

Jesus isn't waiting for you to get your life together before you approach Him.

Come to Jesus as you are... and let Him teach you to trust Him more.

KEEP TRUSTING JESUS (v. 22)

“Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?” (Mark 5:35, NKJV).

When Jesus hears the news, He tells Jairus, “Do not be afraid... only believe” (Mark 5:36, NKJV).

2 Timothy 2:13 reminds us, “If we are faithless, He remains faithful.”

Psalms 13, David honestly asks, “How long, O LORD?” Yet he continues to trust in God’s mercy.

KEEP YOUR HOPE IN JESUS (vv. 23–26)

“Make room, for the girl is not dead, but sleeping” (Matthew 9:24, NKJV).

SO... HOW DO WE APPLY THIS MONDAY MORNING?