



Jairus

As For Me and My House

Scripture Reading

Mark 5:21-23; 35-36 (NKJV)

21 Now when Jesus had crossed over again by boat to the other side, a great multitude gathered to Him; and He was by the sea. 22 And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him, he fell at His feet 23 and begged Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter lies at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live."

35 While He was still speaking, some came from the ruler of the synagogue's house who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?"

36 As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not be afraid; only believe."

Introduction

This week, we're warping through time into the New Testament and right in to the mobile ministry of Jesus! Last week we looked at the Father's willingness to make some powerful things happen right at the homes of His people. Samuel showed up at David's house to anoint him king, and in today's story, Jesus

makes a house call at another father's house and his name was Jairus.

The story of the house visit to Jairus is somewhat peculiar, because I'm sure if Jairus had his way, he would have liked his testimony to only focus on him, but instead there was so much happening in this story, I began to immediately connect with some of the tension that he must have felt while trying to get Jesus to show up at his house.

In this one encounter with Jesus, Jarius had to go through several lessons in faith!

Lesson 1 - It may not always happen the way you want

- Jairus came in with an urgent request for his daughter and his plan was to find Jesus, tell him the bad news and get him to immediately come to the house and lay His Hands on his daughter so that she can be healed from her sickness and live!
- Jairus you have 1 mission, one option, one job, and one way this is going to go happen!
- Little did he know that things were not about to go the way he planned.
 - He found Jesus and they started making their way to the house and then the unplanned happened
 - The crowd started to throng Jesus: meaning that the crowd that surrounded Jesus became so great and so dense, that they began pressing heavily against Him.
 - And to no one else's awareness, there was another woman of faith who was pressing through that crowd with a prayer request of her own.

Lesson 2 - There are levels of faith

- Jairus had faith enough to believe that if he could get Jesus to come lay His Hands on his 12 year old daughter, she would be healed
- The woman who had an issue of blood for 12 years was believing that she would be healed if she could just touch the hem of Jesus' garment
- One had faith if Jesus came to them
- The other had faith if they could get to Jesus

It's interesting to me that both Jairus and this unnamed woman with the issue of blood were both dealing with a 12yr old situation but they both had different kind of faith on how to get their healing from Jesus.

- The woman with the issue of blood wasn't trying to get Jesus' or any one else's attention. She just wanted to make a withdrawal by faith! Yet it was her that caught Jesus' attention because he immediately stopped the crowd to ask a question — "who touched me?"

Lesson 3 - 12 was not a coincidence

- the number 12 has special significance in Scripture
- It symbolizes God's power and authority, as well as serving as a perfect governmental foundation.
- It's also the number of completion

I believe it signified the completion of the season of suffering for the woman with the issue of blood but also Jairus' 12yr old daughter!

Lesson 4 - Delayed is not denied

- Jairus had to endure seeing his window of opportunity close on account of everyone else's needs and attention
- He had to deal with the shock that being first that day didn't mean that he got his request answered first.
- Being urgent doesn't mean anyone else cared at that moment (except the Lord)
- He may have been a ruler of a synagogue and hoped to get special recognition and priority but that day, he was many seeking Jesus.
- He might have felt slighted, confused, forgotten, ignored, de-prioritized, neglected, cast aside — all the emotions.
- And then the greatest gut punch to his faith was the news that his daughter was now dead and there's no need to bother Jesus anymore.

Lesson 5 - Only Believe

When Jesus heard what Jairus' servant had said to him, he immediately looked at Jairus as if to peer into his very soul and said to him "Only Believe."

- Jairus you've faced an impossible situation but only believe!
- your situation is dire but only believe!
- I know this was your last resort but only believe!
- Your faith doesn't seem to have been rewarded but only believe!
- You feel like you've failed but only believe!
- You may feel like I've failed you but only believe!
- She wasn't supposed to suffer like this but only believe!
- It doesn't seem fair but only believe!
- your faith couldn't see past her sickness but only believe!
- I am the resurrection and the life - only believe!

Closing:

Jairus was one of the rulers of the synagogue:

- he had religious connections, status, means, resources
- yet when there was a 911 for his daughter, he didn't seek out the aid of the establishment
 - being religious wouldn't help him
 - knowing the rituals and practices wouldn't help him
 - what he was familiar with couldn't help him
- he knew about Jesus and the miracles He had performed.
- And all of the religious objections that the pharisees and sadducees had been making about Jesus didn't seem to matter at this point.
- When it came down to the healing of His daughter he had to get to Jesus!
- He had to experience the power of God!
- He had to get to the One person who could bring healing to his house.

I believe that after Jesus had raised his daughter from the dead, Jairus likely said "As for Me and my house" "We will believe the Lord!"