



Welcome!

2022 LENTEN SERIES: KEEP GOING!
Today's Message: Keep Believing
Dr. Lance D. Watson, Senior Pastor

PRAYER: Listening Lord, we're determined this Lent to *keep believing*. We recognize all that you have done for us, and we are grateful. Empower us now to believe your Word, your promise, and your assurance no matter what we face. Make us an illustration of your infinite mercy. In the abiding, awesome, and amazing name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

ICEBREAKER: Rank the effectiveness of the following prayers: A) pastor, priest, or leader prays out loud, B) group of 3 or 4 people; each one prays out loud, C) one person prays with another out loud, D) blessing before a meal out loud, E) individuals pray at a prayer meeting out loud, F) silent prayer in church, G) silent prayer by yourself (at home, in car, etc.). *Share and explain your response.*

INTRODUCTION: Jesus' life, along with his death, grants life-changing healing. It is a healing authority that crosses boundaries, both of ethnicity and gender. Jesus chooses not to leave people in the conditions in which he finds them, and he has the power to alter that condition. Do we? Can the Christian community alter the conditions of people's lives? Can we bring healing into troubled circumstances? Must we not also cross boundaries—whether they are related to ethnicity, gender, race, sexual orientation, politics, or any other boundaries that divide our society—and advocate life-giving meaning and change? Are we continuing to believe in the transformative power of Christ, or have we secretly given up?

SCRIPTURE: Read St. Mark 5:35-36 (NIV)

DISCUSSION:

1. What stood out in today's message? What's one thing you learned? What questions came to mind as you listened to the message today? What points did you find most insightful? How did the message challenge you?
2. In our text, two people approach Jesus, one named and the other unnamed, one with position and one without position—talk about their similarities, what did they have in common? Talk about their differences—how were they different?
3. What obstacles did Jairus have to overcome to approach Jesus? How might Jairus have felt when Jesus delayed going to his daughter? When have you done or felt similarly?
4. How does Jesus respond to the faith of Jairus? How does Jesus create or strengthen faith by his actions? What do these linked stories reveal about the interplay between fear and faith in a relationship with Jesus? How are fear and faith present in your own relationship with Christ?
5. When you approach Jesus for help, are you more like Jairus or the woman? Why?



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6. When Jairus received word that his daughter died, his friends advised him not to bother Jesus any more. Have you ever been in that position where you feel that the worst has happened and there's no point praying anymore?
7. What did Jesus say to Jairus? (5:36) In what situations in your life do you need to heed Jesus' words to "just believe?" Why is it hard to do? How did people react when Jesus expressed confidence that the dead girl would be all right? (5:40) Have you ever laughed at someone who told you that "things will be all right?" Why do we tell people things will work out okay?

CHALLENGE: What is one "a-ha" moment you had in our group discussion today. Note it and write it down. If you applied your learning from this week's message, how would the next week be different for you?

SERVE: How is God calling us to live out this message this week? As individuals? As a group?

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CELEBRATIONS: Take this time to share praise reports (e.g., answered prayers, birthdays, anniversaries, promotions).

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAYER: Take this time to share prayer requests. Close with prayer.

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We Care!

A large, solid red heart is positioned behind the text 'We Care!'.

NOTICE: PLEASE BE PATIENT AS WE GRADUALLY REOPEN OUR CAMPUSES IN THE SAFEST MANNER POSSIBLE. As a small group leader, we depend on you to show members that we care. Here's a list of resources to help you.

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