

## TRUSTING THE MASTER

TEXT: (Mark 5:21-24, 35-42, NIV)

<sup>21</sup> When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. <sup>22</sup> Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. <sup>23</sup> He pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." <sup>24</sup> So Jesus went with him.

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<sup>35</sup> While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher anymore?"

<sup>36</sup> Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, "Don't be afraid; just believe."

<sup>37</sup> He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James.

<sup>38</sup> When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup> He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep." <sup>40</sup> But they laughed at him.

After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup> He took her by the hand and said to her, "*Talitha koum!*" (which means "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). <sup>42</sup> Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished.

KEY VERSE: "Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, 'Don't be afraid; just believe'" (Mark 5:36, NIV).

### INTRODUCTION

#### A. The Ministry of Jesus

1. "And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book" (John 20:30, KJV).
2. "And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written" (John 21:25, KJV).

#### B. God Specializes in the Impossible

1. "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Hebrews 11:6, KJV).

### I. A DESPERATE NEED

#### A. A Prayer of Desperation

1. "And when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet" (Mark 5:22, NIV).
2. "Jairu...prostrated himself at [Jesus'] feet. And begged Him earnestly, saying, My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her, so that she may be healed and live" (Mark 5:22-23, AMPC).

### II. ONLY BELIEVE

#### A. Anxiously Waiting

1. "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God" (Philippians 4:6, NIV).
2. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher anymore?" (Mark 5:35, NIV).

B. The Character of Your Faith

1. "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him" (Job 13:15, KJV).
2. "If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king. But even if he does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up" (Daniel 3:17-18, KJV).
3. "But he knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold" (Job 23:10, NIV).

C. The Master's Word—"Only Believe"

1. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher anymore?" (Mark 5:35, NIV).

D. Only Sleeping

1. "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep" (Mark 5:39, NIV).
2. "He took her by the hand and said to her, '*Talitha koum!*' (which means 'Little girl, I say to you, get up!')" (Mark 5:41, NIV).
3. "And instantly the girl got up and started walking around—for she was twelve years old. And they were utterly astonished and overcome with amazement" (Mark 5:42, AMPC).

III. HEALING FOR THE WHOLE PERSON

1. "God's Spirit is on me; he's chosen me to preach the Message of good news to the poor, Sent me to announce pardon to prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, To set the burdened and battered free, to announce, "This is God's year to act!" (Luke 4:18, MSG).

A. Good News for the Humble

1. "The LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor" (Isaiah 61:1, NIV).
2. "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:3, NIV).

B. Pardon for Prisoners

1. "When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life" (Romans 6:20-22, NIV).

C. Recovering of Sight

1. "Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached" (Luke 7:22, KJV).

D. To Set Free the Burdened and Battered

1. "Go and sin no more" (John 8:11, KJV).