

## **Bibles???**

### **The Word of God is the Absolute Truth and the Final Authority**

Billy Graham once said, “What oxygen is to the lungs, hope is to our survival in the world.”

Hope is what allows us to undergo trials – no matter what the circumstances may be.

Hope allows us to focus on the light at the end of the tunnel.

And for the believer, our hope is Jesus Christ.

**[Heb 6:19 NKJV] 19 This [hope] we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the [Presence] behind the veil,**

Only through our faith in Him can we be assured that we will have this hope.

That no matter what happens, we will be saved.

Our study today will revolve around two individuals from different backgrounds whose circumstances allow their paths to cross each other in their search for hope.

**Let's pray...**

**[Mar 5:21-43 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." 24 So [Jesus] went with him, and a great multitude followed Him and thronged Him. 25 Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, 26 and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. 27 When she**

heard about Jesus, she came behind [Him] in the crowd and touched His garment. 28 For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well." 29 Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in [her] body that she was healed of the affliction. 30 And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?" 31 But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?' " 32 And He looked around to see her who had done this thing. 33 But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. 34 And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction." 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." 37 And He permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. 38 Then He came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and saw a tumult and those who wept and wailed loudly. 39 When He came in, He said to them, "Why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but sleeping." 40 And they ridiculed Him. But when He had put them all outside, He took the father and the mother of the child, and those [who were] with Him, and entered where the child was lying. 41 Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, "Talitha, cumi," which is translated, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." 42 Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years [of age]. And they were overcome with great amazement. 43 But He commanded them strictly that no one should know it, and said that [something] should be given her to eat.

Jesus and His disciples have now sailed back across the Sea of Galilee from the country of the Gadarenes.

You might remember that there was an encounter there with an individual that was demon possessed by many demons.

He said his name was Legion.

They (the demons) beg Jesus to be allowed into a multitude of swine that was nearby and when they entered the swine, the swine ran off the cliff and into the Sea of Galilee.

The residents of the Gadarenes were not too happy with Jesus. Their reaction to Jesus was, "Get out!!!"

Despite witnessing that the demon possessed man had been healed, the one that had tormented them for so long, the one that couldn't be bound, all they cared about was their livelihood that they saw drown off the coast.

So now, Jesus and His disciples are back on the other side of the Sea of Galilee and once again they are awaited by the multitudes.

And Mark focuses his attention on two of the individuals who were looking for a glimmer of hope as they come looking for Jesus, Jairus and an anonymous woman.

**Let's look at Jairus first.**

Four different times the scriptures point out to us that Jairus was a ruler of the synagogue.

As a ruler of the synagogue, Jairus would have been well-known – as the leader of the synagogue was probably the most visible member of any Jewish community.

Jairus being the ruler of the synagogue is also significant because Jesus began His ministry by preaching in the synagogues. Jairus would have had a front row seat when Jesus healed the man with the withered hand on the Sabbath.

Jairus would have been there when Jesus healed the man with the unclean spirit in the synagogue.

And it is possible that Jairus would have been with the group of Pharisees that were accusing Jesus and His disciples of violating the law by not observing the Sabbath and not fasting.

However, things are different now.

Jairus' daughter is gravely ill.

The gospel of Luke records that the twelve year old girl is Jairus' only child.

The thought of losing any child can be overwhelming but, losing your only child can be devastating to any parent.

However, as ruler of the synagogue, Jairus knew scripture – as his daughter lay there gravely ill, he knew that God had worked through the prophet Elijah as he raised the widow's son from the dead and Elisha did the same thing to the Shunammite's son.

So we see Jairus approach Jesus with a heavy heart.

**[Mar 5:22-24 NKJV] 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." 24 So [Jesus] went with him, and a great multitude followed Him and thronged Him.**

Jairus is no longer concerned about his dignity and he is no longer concerned about his pride. The most important man in town is on his knees in humility in asking for help from Jesus of Nazareth.

This is the model of the believer, to seek Jesus Christ, to be in His presence, to forget about our dignity and pride – which by the way is one of the hardest things to do.

You see, no one likes to be indebted to anyone else; we all want to run our lives on our own.

However, the first step of the Christian life is to become aware that we cannot be anything other than indebted to God.

I asked you to underline the phrase, that she may be healed in verse 23, because the word that Jairus uses here for healed – is not a medical term for healed.

The Greek word used here is sozo, and it actually means to “save”

This is the same word that Peter screams out to Jesus as he started sinking after he took his eyes off of Jesus.

This is the same word that Jesus uses in the gospel of John when he says, “I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

Jarius had just enough faith to believe that Jesus would be able to heal his daughter – however, he lacked faith by thinking that Jesus had to physically touch her in order to save her.

Turn with me to the gospel of Luke 7,

Here we have a similar miracle that is not recorded in the gospel of Mark. Notice the faith of the Centurion.

**[Luk 7:1-10 NKJV] 1 Now when He concluded all His sayings in the hearing of the people, He entered Capernaum. 2 And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear to him, was sick and ready to die. 3 So when he heard about Jesus, he sent elders of the Jews to Him, pleading with Him to come and heal his servant. 4 And when they came to Jesus, they begged Him earnestly, saying that the one for whom He should do this was deserving, 5 "for he loves our nation, and has built us a synagogue." 6 Then Jesus went with them. And when He was already not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to Him, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof. 7 "Therefore I did not even think myself worthy to come to You. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. 8 "For I also am a man placed**

under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does [it]." 9 When Jesus heard these things, **He marveled** at him, and turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, "I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!" 10 And those who were sent, returning to the house, found the servant well who had been sick.

So in this event the Centurion sends word to Jesus before He arrives at his house that Jesus didn't need to come to his house.

That a simple word from His mouth would be able to heal the centurion's servant.

I asked you to underline where it states that Jesus marveled at the centurion's faith. We will see why later on.

Back to Mark 5.

So in verse 24 it tells us that Jesus began to follow Jairus to his house and the people thronged Him meaning they

surrounded Him closely – imagine a movie star walking down the street.

As they were walking to Jairus' house, we have the other person of interest that Mark writes about and that is this woman.

This woman and Jairus were at opposite ends of the spectrum.

She was poor – she had spent all of her money trying to find a cure for her condition.

She was anonymous.

She was an outcast –because of her condition, she was determined to be unclean, meaning that she couldn't go to the synagogue or be touched by anyone.

She was an outcast physically as well as spiritually.

It had been 12 years since she had any human contact.

**[Lev 15:25-27 NKJV] 25 'If a woman has a discharge of blood for many days, other than at the time of her**

**[customary] impurity, or if it runs beyond her [usual time of] impurity, all the days of her unclean discharge shall be as the days of her [customary] impurity. She [shall be] unclean. 26 'Every bed on which she lies all the days of her discharge shall be to her as the bed of her impurity; and whatever she sits on shall be unclean, as the uncleanness of her impurity. 27 'Whoever touches those things shall be unclean; he shall wash his clothes and bathe in water, and be unclean until evening.**

She suffered the same fate as one who suffers from leprosy.

**[Mar 5:27-28 NKJV] 27 When she heard about Jesus, she came behind [Him] in the crowd and touched His garment. 28 For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well."**

According to the book of Numbers (15), all of the Jews were supposed to wear an outer garment that had four tassels – one at each corner.

The purpose of these tassels was to remind the man himself as well others that the wearer was a member of the chosen people of God. These tassels were the badge of a devout Jew.

In Matthews account, it tells us that the woman touched the hem of His garment which would mean that she touched one of the tassels as she approached Jesus.

Interestingly, in verse 28, when the woman says, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well."

The same Greek word is used here is the same one that Jairus used – sozo.

If only I touch His clothes, I shall be saved.

And that is exactly what happened.

**[Mar 5:29-30 NKJV] 29 Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in [her] body that she was healed of the affliction. 30 And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him,**

**turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?"**

Jesus being 100% man and 100% God knew who touched Him.

Was He trying to single out the woman or embarrass her?

No

Jesus simply wanted to encourage Jairus.

Remember, all this happened as Jairus was leading Jesus to his house so that He could place His hands on his daughter.

**[Mar 5:33-34 NKJV] 33 But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. 34 And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."**

Did you notice how Jesus addressed the woman, He said Daughter, your faith had made you well – this was right after she had told Jesus everything that had happened to her as

she had spent the previous 12 years afflicted by her condition.

Jairus must have been thinking to himself, “Come on Jesus, let’s go – my daughter is dying,” not realizing that the woman’s testimony would sustain the little faith that he already had.

You see, if Jesus was able to heal the affliction from the woman, then Jesus would be able to do the same for his sick daughter. No matter how hopeless the situation might be.

And I believe this is why fellowship is so important in the life of a believer. As we share with one another what God is doing in each one of our lives.

You see, as we listen how God is working in other lives, our faith grows stronger and stronger.

That is what is happening here to Jairus.

**[Mar 5:35-36 NKJV] 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."

Jairus gets word that his daughter is dead. His heart must have sunk.

But Jesus commands Jairus to do two things.

**Do not be afraid; only believe**

You see, Fear and faith do not go together.

Our fears reveal where we are lacking in our faith.

Jesus' 12 disciples had just learned this at the end of chapter 4 where they had to endure the storm in the Sea of Galilee and Jesus rebuked them after He calmed the storm.

**[Mar 4:40 NKJV] 40 But He said to them, "Why are you so fearful? How [is it] that you have no faith?"**

Church, notice that Jesus doesn't rebuke Jairus for his lack of faith. He realizes that Jairus does have a little strand of

faith and He simply wants Jairus to hold onto that faith despite the circumstances.

**[Mar 5:37-39 NKJV] 37 And He permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. 38 Then He came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and saw a tumult and those who wept and wailed loudly. 39 When He came in, He said to them, "Why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but sleeping."**

Why did Jesus say that the little girl was asleep when she was clearly dead?

Jesus is using a metaphor here. And in the metaphor, He is redefining what death is in the life of a believer.

Many of His disciples picked up on the metaphor as well, Luke writes in the book of Acts as Stephen is being stoned at the hands of the religious rulers that Stephen fell asleep.

Paul uses the same word to describe the believer's death in 1 Thess 5

**[1Thess 5:6-10 NKJV] 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others [do], but let us watch and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. 8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and [as] a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.**

Having obtained salvation through our Lord Jesus, we will always live together with Him. The promise of unity with Jesus can't be broken; no matter if we live or if we die (wake or sleep), we will always be with Him.

**[Mar 5:40-42 NKJV] 40 And they ridiculed Him. But when He had put them all outside, He took the father and the mother of the child, and those [who were] with Him, and entered where the child was lying. 41 Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, "Talitha, cumi," which is translated, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." 42**

**Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years [of age]. And they were overcome with great amazement.**

Upon hearing Jesus proclaim that the little girl was sleeping, the crowd reacted with ridicule.

So what did Jesus do? He kicked them out.

They were prevented from seeing the miracle that He was about to do.

And really, that is exactly what unbelief does.

In the book of Psalms regarding the nation of Israel -

**[Psa 78:41 NKJV] 41 Yes, again and again they tempted God, And limited the Holy One of Israel.**

You see, unbelief hinders the work of God and we are going to see this again at the beginning of the next chapter.

So with everyone out except Jesus, his three disciples and the parents of the little girl, Jesus grabs the little girl by the

hand and calls upon her in Aramaic and she immediately wakes up and starts walking around.

Everyone was astonished and Jesus commanded them to not tell anyone and also he made sure that they met young's girls little girl's physical needs by feeding her.

So the question becomes, why did Jesus heal the little girl???

He didn't do it for the little girl, He did it for Jairus and his wife.

He did it to show his power, to demonstrate his power.

He did it to demonstrate to Jairus and to us that the way to face the most difficult circumstances in life is by faith; to not let our circumstances dictate how we navigate life.

**[Mar 6:1-6 NKJV] 1 Then He went out from there and came to His own country, and His disciples followed Him. 2 And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing [Him] were**

astonished, saying, "Where [did] this Man [get] these things? And what wisdom [is] this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands! 3 "Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" So they were offended at Him. 4 But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house." 5 Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed [them]. 6 And **He marveled** because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.

In the last event, we saw an example of how unbelief hinders the work of God.

Here at the beginning of chapter 6, we see it on a much bigger scale.

Jesus returns to Nazareth and He is rejected by His own people.

We should be very familiar with this as many of us were and probably still are rejected by those close to us because of our faith in Jesus Christ.

In the beginning, they think it is just a fad. Then they start to question ones well-being, Why are you always at church?

Why are you always reading your bible?

The unbeliever is incapable of understanding what is occurring and we see the same thing here with the people of Nazareth.

Jesus was capable of doing much more in Nazareth but because of their unbelief, He only provided them with a trickle instead of a torrent.

They missed out – just like those that ridiculed Jesus when He said that the little girl was sleeping.

In the scriptures, we see Jesus marvel only twice.

We read earlier about how He marveled at the faith of the Centurion – a gentile.

And here in verse 6, He marvels at the unbelief of the Jew.

May we learn to navigate through our circumstances with faith so we will not miss out on His tremendous work.

Amen!!!

Let's pray...

To Receive Christ do the following:

Admit, "I am a sinner."

Confess and be willing to turn from your sin.

Believe, by faith that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross.

Receive, through prayer, Jesus Christ into your heart and receive eternal life.

Dear Lord Jesus,

I know that I am a sinner and need Your forgiveness. I believe that You died on the cross for my sins. Please forgive me for my sins and cleanse me by Your blood. I accept You by faith as my personal Lord and Savior. Give me a thirst for Your Word and Help me to follow You all of my days. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

