

Mark 5:21-24, 35-43 – Omnipotent Christ

Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ: Jairus, a synagogue leader, went to meet Jesus. This was a risky act! You see, many of his friends (other synagogue rulers) had openly attacked Jesus and were planning to kill him, so going to Jesus seemed like a betrayal of his friends. He could have lost his position in the synagogue...his money...his future. He had much to lose. But in Jairus' mind...he had faith in omnipotent 万能的 God and that his Omnipotent God could do everything he needed and more so he need not fear his friends. No wonder he publicly came to Christ! His knowledge of God gave him confidence. This is what you will hear about from God's Word.

Our headings are:

Affliction

Assurance

Assistance

Our goals are: That **seeing the ultimate power of God, you will have confidence in his ability to keep you through all the battles of this life, and you will have confidence that he will raise up your soul** on resurrection day to live with him in heaven.

Affliction

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.

1. Jesus continued his tiresome journeys so men would hear the message of salvation. He had to make the return journey across the Sea of Galilee with his disciples. There was no storm this time, but this was no luxury cruise, only a crude fishing boat ride. And as usual, a very large crowd gathered to listen to him as he returned.

22 And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him, he **fell at His feet**

2. A ruler named Jairus (Diffuser of Light) came and bowed down to him. What humility from a powerful man! Obviously he believed in the power of the Light of the World. He understood that his authority was under God's authority. His was a delegated authority. Yes, Jairus worked among men of darkness in the Jewish synagogue leadership but he believed in the power of the Light of the World.

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."

3. Jairus came to Christ to beg for the life of his dying child. His knew Jesus had the power to heal her and he wanted that. Jairus wasn't looking to make a deal with God that he would believe in God if God healed his daughter...or that he would serve God if God healed his child. He already had faith in God. God doesn't make deals with unbelievers.

24 So Jesus went with him, and a great multitude followed Him and thronged Him.

4. So Jesus decided to go to Jairus' home to heal his daughter. Jesus saw his earnestness, which manifested itself in action, and decided to help him. Jairus' faith brought blessings to his covenant child. This is why we baptize babies.

5. Lessons:

a. Mark's account was to teach of the power of Christ. It was not a guarantee that all children who are sick will become better. You child may die. So don't take this to mean that if you too have faith in the Lord your child will never be hurt or die. At the same time, know that if God doesn't want your child to die, not a man on this earth could hurt him! See how God's power takes away worry?

b. Concurrent with this is the knowledge that you can't do what your child needs. You can't save your child. You need God's help. You don't have what it takes to raise and teach your child. Your child needs you to be equipped by God to help him.

c. Never stop pleading with God for your children. Let them be baptized and brought into the covenant and plead like Monica did for Augustine. Plead like Jairus did for his daughter. Plead always for your children's salvation.

Assurance

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?"

1. Knowing his daughter was dying was bad, but things got worse for Jairus.

- a. Jesus was delayed in going to heal his child as he had to stop to heal the woman with the bleeding issue.
- b. Then someone came from a Synagogue ruler's house and told him that his daughter was dead.
- c. This meant that knowledge of Jairus' interaction with Jesus was known to the synagogue and his livelihood was threatened.
- d. Then Jairus was told that he shouldn't bother the teacher anymore, for the teacher had better things to do.

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.**"

2. Yet warm words of assurance poured out from the mouth of the Lord... words that would be a salve on burned skin:

He told Jairus not to worry but to believe... believe in what God was able to do; believe in the omnipotent God.

Jesus' Comfort did not only come from a raw display of his power.

Jairus did not complain: "Lord you took so long with this woman who was not really sick." He does not complain: "Lord, she could wait." His faith does not waver. **Faith stands opposed to fears and doubting, and to human**

reasoning. Faith makes you trust and have confidence in Christ and his ability to do good for you. And being a good student of the Word of God, Jairus knew that God was the "Giver of Life." He learned from his father Abraham:

Romans 4:18, 20-21 - who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "So shall your descendants be." He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

By faith, fathers apprehended the promises of life even for their children

3. Jairus received the words of assurance... to his credit. We know this from the fact that he continued with Jesus to the home instead of planning for a funeral. (A funeral in that heat had to be planned quickly... on the same day... because a body would spoil 腐坏 on account of the heat.)

37 And He permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James.

4. Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him into Jairus' house. He did not take others because he knew that raising the dead would cause so much excitement that people would not listen to the words he was speaking and only look for the works – miracles. This would destroy the purpose for which he came – to preach the Good News. (He had to care for the forest, not just trees.)

38 Then He came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and saw a tumult 骚动 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.**"

5. Arriving at the house, Jesus saw the people wailing (a kind of loud talking) and crying. Their musical instruments and sad dirges 哀乐 were intended to make the relatives feel sad and cry more. (It was good therapy.) The women would come with their untidy hair and clothes and cry as the music played. These mourners were hired people.

6. But knowing what he was going to do, Jesus tried to stop the professional cry-ers and musicians. How? **Jesus told them that the girl was simply sleeping.** But you can imagine what the mourners thought when they heard, "The child is sleeping?" These people knew nothing of the power of God! They were limited to the routine of life. Jesus could heal the sick, raise the dead, and walk on the sea!

7. Lessons:

a. As a new Christian like Jairus, when you begin to serve the Lord, more trials and severer trials - trials of faith- will come: unemployment, sickness, broken relationships, and death of a loved one. Know this and expect this. Don't be surprised that the Devil does not leave you alone. The Devil may even use the one you love the most to do his evil work... a husband... a wife... a friend!

b. Like Jesus said, you don't have to worry or give up when you run into these walls. You have the comfort of God's Word in hundreds of languages. Are you listening to God's Words of comfort... I will never leave you nor forsake you... I will hold you up with the right arm of my righteousness? Don't rob yourself of comfort!

c. It doesn't matter how far your children have wandered from the faith, the Lord can bring them back. Pray! Don't give up. What a mighty God we serve! Angels bow before him! Heaven and earth adore him. As long as there is life there is his hope! Work and pray.

Assistance

40 And **they ridiculed 嘲讽 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.

1. The people mocked Jesus...the one who is the resurrection and the life...the only one who could give life. This place of mourning...suddenly became a place of laughing.

2. How did Jesus respond to their mocking?

a. **Jesus did not allow the laughing of fools to distract him from his work.**

b. Jesus **removed them so they could not witness one of the greatest** miracles ever recorded in human history. He literally "threw" them out. They did not see the very act of the omnipotent God!

Only the believing parents were taken in with a few of the disciples to where the child was.

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."

3. In his gentle way, he took the child by the hand and said to the girl: Arise. He spoke in a common language among the Jews...Aramaic and Syriac.

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

4. Everyone obeys when Jesus speaks...dead or alive. The parents, the people, and the disciples were amazed.

43 But He commanded them strictly that no one should know it, and said that something should be given her to eat.

5. But as was his custom to great healings, Jesus forbade them from speaking about this publicly. This was because he did not want the people to be distracted from his main work of preaching the Gospel of hope. There was certainly talk of making him their earthly king...something against his will.

6. And Christ's tenderness to his own shows when he tells the parents to give the child some food. He doesn't want her, who had come to life, to die of starvation.

7. Lessons:

a. God's great work must not only leave you amazed but should make you praise him. Every time someone is converted, or a person does profession of faith, praise God.

b. Do not allow fools to distract you from spreading the Words of Truth. If someone would not listen, go to someone else. If someone mocks you, don't shy away. You have the words of life on your lips. Don't let the non-believer die and go to hell.

c. Jesus uses the same language of calling people to today, but it points to a greater work:

Ephesians 5:14 Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light."

The dead in his trespasses and sins is raised up. He hears the irresistible voice of Jesus and is moved to obedience.

d. Those who are spiritually awake must be given truth so that they would grow in grace.

1Peter 2:2 as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,

Conclusion

What a remarkable display of the power of Jesus Christ over the most difficult of circumstances – affliction 痛苦 and death.

What wonderful assurance Jesus gave to the parents and those around! What kind assistance he gave to this young girl! The witnesses were amazed at the Lord's omnipotence.

Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ:

1. You must understand the power of Jesus Christ – a precious doctrine. This will give you comfort in this life – knowing that Christ is able to keep you through all the difficulties you experience...sickness, persecution, poverty, and spiritual attacks.

2. You must also see the power of Jesus Christ in how he raises up the spiritually dead and keeps them. For when Jesus comes to the sinner, the death dirges must stop...and songs of praise must flow from the lips of his people.

3. You must also see the power of Jesus to raise up your soul on the last day. He died for you. He will keep you! He will take you to be with him in heaven for eternity.

Finally: If you are not a Christian, know that Jesus has power over life...your life. At his call, you die. At his call, you live. Are you prepared for his call to die? If you are not ready to die today, he can make you ready. He can work a change in your heart that will make you confident...that even though you die...he will raise up at the end of the world and be with him forever.