

YPG III

Theme: Discipleship

Title: Exercising Faith in the Challenges of Life

Text: Mark 5: 21 – 43

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FAITH IS NEEDED TO FACE THE CHALLENGES OF LIFE

1. Many challenging situations in life may arise
 - a. Some are common problems
 - b. Others are uncommon problems
2. Without faith
 - a. We cannot cope
 - b. We may collapse under the stress and strain
3. Our faith must be exercised again and again!

BEGINNING WITH SOME FAITH

1. Jairus had some faith
 2. Signs of faith (Mark 5: 22 – 23)
 - a. He was a ruler of the synagogue
 - b. Yet he fell at Jesus' feet
 - c. Begged Him
 - d. Earnestly
 3. But his faith was limited (Mark 5: 23)
 - a. Come
 - b. Lay Your hands on her
 - c. And she will live
- Cf. Centurion's faith, Matthew 8: 5 – 13

DISTRACTIONS CAN COME IN

1. The woman with the flow of blood came
2. The Lord Jesus paused to attend to her
3. In the meantime, news came, “Your daughter is dead” (Mark 5: 35)
4. Feelings that must have been felt
 - a. Fear
 - b. Dread
 - c. Sorrow

ONLY BELIEVE

1. Jairus had to block out all distractions
 - a. The report of his daughter’s death (Mark 5: 35)
 - b. The weeping and wailing (Mark 5: 38)
 - c. The ridicule (Mark 5: 40)
2. He had to focus on the Lord Jesus alone: “Only believe” (Mark 5: 36)
 - a. He began with some faith
 - b. He now had to hold on to this faith!

THE CHALLENGE TO ALL

1. When we face challenging circumstances in life
 - a. We may have some faith
 - b. We must exercise that faith
2. Only believe
 - a. Block out all distractions
 - b. Focus on the Lord and believe!