

# Do Not Fear, Only Believe

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**Theme:** When life seems to be falling apart, we can be tempted to question God's purposes and ability. Our circumstances can be overwhelming and blinding. It is at that point in time that we need to remember our greatest need is to cling to Christ; and therefore, we have absolutely nothing to fear.

## **I. The "Delays" of Jesus**

- A. What stands out to you with regard to how Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, approaches Jesus?
- B. How do you feel about the description of the woman with a discharge in verse 26? What do you think it means that she suffered much under many physicians and spent all that she had?
- C. What do you think is the difference between the way that the crowd touched Jesus and the way that the unclean woman touched Jesus?
- D. What do you think it means that Jesus perceived that "power had gone out from him" (v.30)? Afterwards, why do you think the unclean woman fell down before Jesus in fear and trembling?
- E. "Faith" is clearly an action word. How do Jairus and the unclean woman act on their faith?
- F. How do you think you would have responded if you saw Jesus resurrect a child from the dead?

## **II. Faith During the Delay**

- A. Mark contrasts fear and faith. What needs to be the object of your faith? What things in your life threaten to replace Jesus as the object of your faith? How must they be dealt with?
- B. How have you personally experienced the struggle between fear and faith? What practical things can you do in your life to prepare yourself for future difficulties and suffering?
- C. This passage shows us that Jesus responds to and rewards bold (but not necessarily perfect) faith. Where in your life do you need to ask Jesus boldly for grace and healing?
- D. Jairus asks Jesus on behalf of his daughter. Who in your life needs to experience the power and compassion of Jesus through your bold faith? What do you think that action of faith would look like in the particular situation that you're thinking of?
- E. How would you like to grow in awe and wonder and amazement at who Jesus is (v.42)? What do you think growth in that area would look like for you?