Do Not Fear, Only Believe

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INTRODUCTION

- Jesus went about working all these miracles in order to prove who he was, to prove that he was the Messiah, the Son of God.
- There are three different stories that happened, three different miracles that occur in this one chapter.
- Not only did he have power over those things, he also had power over spiritual things, even the demons.

1 Jesus' Power Over Uncleanness

Mark 5:1–20

- That's representative of what sin really does to mankind. It mars, it separates, it dominates, it renders one unclean. It kills.
- Here is a man who is as good as dead, and yet Jesus brings him life.
- He sets us free from that which binds us.
- Fear can have two very different responses. It can lead us to do the right thing or it can lead us to do the wrong thing.

2 Jairus, a Ruler of the Synagogue

Mark 5:21–24

- He always had compassion on the people. Wanted to heal them, wanted to teach them.
- This position would have very likely been a factor that would have discouraged him from going to Jesus.
- But knowing what was at stake and having this faith in Jesus, he went anyway.
- His statement of belief in Jesus that if he just lays his hands on her, that she would be made well is indicative of a very strong faith.

3 The Woman With a Flow of Blood

Mark 5:25–34; Leviticus 15:25–30

- She is helpless and hopeless, but for Jesus.
- Her condition would have left her, like the demon-possessed man, ceremonially unclean.
- Just as Jesus is greater than the Sabbath, he is also greater than any purity law.
- Never ever think that we are too unworthy to go to him in prayer. And never ever think that he won't meet us where we are.
- It was not her works that made her well. It was her faith.

4 Your Faith Has Saved You

- The Greek word here, sozo, can mean either heal or save.
- Jesus is saving both her life and her soul.
- The woman's faith in Jesus for physical healing at the same time becomes faith in him for salvation from sin.

5 Do Not Fear, Only Believe

Mark 5:35–43; John 11:21; 1 John 4:18

- Jesus is showing us that there is no problem too big for him to solve.
- Jesus defines faith as the antidote to fear.
- There is no room for fear in the heart and life and the mind of the Christian. No room for it. Only belief.
- It's one thing to believe that Jesus can heal. It's another thing entirely to believe that he can raise from the dead.

6 Little Girl, I Say to You, Arise

1 Corinthians 1:18–25

- From Jesus' viewpoint, her real death is but sleep. It is only momentary.
- For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing.
- He is able to immediately give life even to the dead. To him, it's as simple as waking someone from their sleep.

THE CHALLENGE

Do not fear what man can do. Do not fear what this world may bring. Have faith and believe in the power and protection of the one who holds it all in his hands.

MY NOTES