

Don't Give Up

What happens when we have the right motivation, we are praising God in those times of trouble, and yet there seems to be no end of the troubles in sight, what do we do now?

What can we do?

Let us look at the lives of two people that trouble seemed to have taken its toll and what they did.

Mark 5: 21 - 43

Mar 5:21 And Jesus having crossed again by boat to the other side, a large crowd collected on Him. And He was near the sea.

Mar 5:22 And, behold, one of the synagogue rulers came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him, he fell at His feet.

Mar 5:23 And he begged Him greatly, saying, My little daughter lies at the point of death. Come, lay Your hands on her, so that she may be healed, and she shall live.

Mar 5:24 And Jesus went with him. And many people followed Him and thronged Him.

Mar 5:25 And a certain woman who had had an issue of blood twelve years,

Mar 5:26 and had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and had not been bettered any, but rather came to worse,

*Here we have two people that have problems in their lives,
A man names Jairus with a daughter that had been diagnosed with an
illness that is going to kill her if something is not done and a woman
who has been suffering for a long period of time with a health issue
and no matter what they did nothing helped in fact it only got worse.*

*How many times have problems arose in our lives with such a
magnitude that they were going to Decimate our lives, not just
physically but maybe financially or spiritually, maybe we are facing
those very problems right now in our lives, and no matter what we do.
No matter how much we pray it doesn't seem to help it just seems to get
worse.*

*These two people immediately took steps to solve the problems that they
were facing, Jairus went straight to the Lord seeking his help, the*

woman went to the doctors to try to find out what they could do to cure her.

The doctors could not help the woman and they eventually drained all her finances to the point that she could do anything else. This woman had suffered for twelve years with this problem.

What did they do next?

Mar 5:27 having heard about Jesus, she came in the press behind and touched His garment.

Mar 5:28 For she said, If I may but touch only His clothes, I will be cured.

Mar 5:29 And instantly the fountain of her blood dried up. And she felt in *her* body that she was healed of that plague.

Mar 5:30 And knowing instantly within Himself that power had gone out of Him, Jesus turned Himself around in the press and said, Who touched My clothes?

Mar 5:31 And His disciples said to Him, You see the crowd pressing on You, and do You say, Who touched Me?

Mar 5:32 And He looked around to see her who had done this thing.

Mar 5:33 But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had been done in her, came and fell down before Him and told Him all the truth.

Mar 5:34 And He said to her, Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be whole from your plague.

The woman heard about this man who could heal the sick, she heard the testimonies of those he had healed, so in desperation she sought this man out thinking if I could just touch the hem of his robe I could be healed from this problem I have suffered with for years.

She touched his robe and felt the power that flowed from him and knew that her problem was solved and when confronted she knelt down before the Lord and confessed all.

Mar 5:35 While He still spoke, they came from the synagogue ruler's house, saying, Your daughter is dead; why do you still trouble the Teacher?

*Jairus while waiting for the Lord found out that his Daughter (the whole reason he sought out the Lord) had died.
So what was he to do now?*

Mar 5:36 But hearing the word spoken, Jesus said to the synagogue ruler, Do not be afraid, only believe.

Mar 5:37 And He allowed no one to follow Him, except Peter and James and John, the brother of James.

Mar 5:38 And He came to the synagogue ruler's and saw a tumult, and weeping and much wailing.

Mar 5:39 And going in He said to them, Why do you make a tumult and weep? The girl is not dead, but sleeps.

Mar 5:40 And they laughed at Him. But when He had put *them* all out, He took the father and the mother of the child, and those with Him, and went in where the child was lying.

Mar 5:41 And He took the child's hand and said to her, Talitha koumi; (which interpreted is, Little girl, I say to you, Arise!)

Mar 5:42 And instantly the little girl arose and walked (for she was twelve years *old*). And they were astonished with a great astonishment.

Mar 5:43 And He strictly warned them that no one should know this. And He said to give her something to eat.

The point that I am making here is this:

Never Give UP!!

The woman with the issue of blood suffered for twelve years sought out the wisdom of man and could find no solution, but with each try things got worse not just physically but financially. But when the time was right for her she found the savior and the solution to her problems, it didn't happen over night but twelve years in the making.

Jairus had a problem went straight to the Lord but while he was waiting the problem got worse, but God said don't give up just believe in me, and when he arrived his daughter was healed.

Job Didn't Give up though he was tempted not only by his wife who told him to curse God and die, but also by his trusted friends who accused him of things that he did not do, but he remained steadfast in his trust of God and received all he had lost back seven fold.

Though Paul had suffered many things and would have been justified in giving up, He held steadfast to his Faith and because of this we have the epistles that Paul wrote to guide us along the way also the major part of Asia Minor heard the Gospel of Christ. He was able to witness not only to the people around him, but also stood before Kings and Emperors who heard the Gospel because he did not give up.

3 Things we can never give up on:

1. **Ourselves:** No matter what we are going through God has plan and a purpose
2. **Those around you:** No matter what they are doing or how they are living as long as you keep trying there is always a chance that things will change for the better.
3. **God:** No matter how bad things get he is always with you even if we can't see his hand on our lives he is there.

Remember God is always working for our good.

Isa 43:1 But now so says Jehovah who created you, O Jacob, and He who formed you, O Israel; Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called *you* by your name; you *are* Mine.

Isa 43:2 When you pass through the waters, I *will be* with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned; nor shall the flame kindle on you.

Rom 8:27 And He searching the hearts knows what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because He makes intercession for the saints according to *the will of* God.

Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

Rom 8:29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestinated *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, for Him to be *the* First-born among many brothers.

You don't know that God is all you need until God is all you have.

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