



Dear Friends in Christ,

We held our first Sunday School Class in the sanctuary this past Sunday morning. We had ten people that attended. Next Sunday morning July 5th, 9:00 AM Karen Sagracy will teach the lesson. If you can, please join us. We had a good time of discussion and learning, and I hope we can get more to participate.

Nikki Stumph shared her testimony with us in worship this past Sunday. If you did not view the service on Facebook Live, you can still watch it on our church webpage at www.willisburgbaptistchurch.net. She did a great job of sharing how the Lord has made a difference in her life. If you would like to share in our service what God is doing in your life, or perhaps you would like to sing a song that God has laid on your heart, please let me know. I really would like to involve you in our worship services.

We have rescheduled the Bible Reading Marathon in Springfield for September 13th-17th, 2020. If you would like to register to read during this event, you may do so by going online to the church webpage that is listed, or you can let me know, and I will sign you up.

God bless, and have a good week.

Sincerely in Christ,
Bro. Jay Hatfield



Sermon Notes

Disappointments May Be His Appointments

Mark 5:21-23, 35-43

What would have been the worst day in the lives of Jairus and his wife, turned into one of their best days. A day that could have been a disappointment turned out to be an appointment with God.

Jesus asked these parents not to tell anyone about this miracle. Why? Because, Jesus' main purpose for coming to earth wasn't to heal the sick, raise the dead, or teach moral lessons. He came to die on a cross. He came to fix the death issue once and for all. So, let's learn four lessons from this miracle.

Lesson #1 When you're desperate, cry out to Jesus. Jairus was

hurting because his daughter was dying. As a parent, you know what it is to hurt when one of your children are suffering. Can you imagine the pain and frustration Jairus must have felt as he stood by and watched his only child grow weaker and sicker with every passing moment? Finally, he became so desperate, he ran and knelt before Jesus and begged Him for help. We need to take note that Jairus was a ruler of the local synagogue. He was part of the traditional Jewish religious leaders, who were generally opposed to Jesus. So, for Jairus to run and fall at the feet of Jesus, he was rejecting the official position of the other religious leaders.

This is what you see from time to time; when a person has a desperate need, it often causes them to turn to Jesus. II Samuel 22:7 says, "When David was in trouble he prayed, 'In my distress, I called to the Lord; I called out to my God. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came to his ears.'" When we encounter trouble, our first reaction is often to try and fix the problem ourselves. We use prayer as a last resort when it should be our first resort. Jeremiah 33:3 says, "Call upon me and I will answer you and show you things that you did not know."

Lesson #2 When you're delayed, trust God's timing. Jesus answered Jairus' prayer by agreeing to accompany him to his house; but on the way, a mob broke out, and a woman who had been sick for twelve years arose up in the crowd and grabbed Jesus' tassel from his prayer shawl. She was healed instantly, but then Jesus asked her to give her testimony. Put yourself in Jairus's sandals for a moment. He has an urgent need. His daughter is dying, and time is critical. I can imagine Jairus standing there nervously tapping his foot and thinking, "Come on, Jesus. Come on! Let's go!"

Have you ever had that kind of attitude when you begged God in prayer for something, and you wanted it answered now? Sometimes, it doesn't seem like the Lord is in any hurry. With God, timing is more important than time. There are usually four ways God answers prayer:

1. *He answers prayer directly.* Sometimes God gives us a quick answer. When Peter was sinking on the Sea of Galilee, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" That's the kind of prayer that God answers directly. If you need to be saved today, pray, "Lord, save me!"
2. *God answers prayer differently.* There are times He doesn't give us what we ask for. He gives us something different. Paul begged God to take away his thorn in the flesh, and God gave him a different answer. He gave Paul the grace to deal with his affliction.
3. *Sometimes God denies our request because it is not in His will.* Even Jesus faced this answer when He prayed in the garden, "Father, take this cup away from me. But not my will, but Yours be done." If your preschool child asks you for a rattlesnake as a pet, your answer is

going to be, "NO!" Because you know what is best for your child.

4. *The fourth way God answers prayer is when His response is delayed.* That was what Jairus was facing. In John 11, Jesus' friend, Lazarus, is sick, and Mary and Martha sent word for Jesus to come immediately, but Jesus intentionally delayed traveling to see Lazarus. By the time He arrived at Bethany, Lazarus had been dead for four days. You can almost hear the animosity and accusation in Martha's words to Jesus. She said, "Lord if you had been here, my brother would not have died." Have you ever felt that way? You asked God for something, and it didn't happen on your timetable? Jesus knew that there would be greater joy in raising Lazarus from the dead than in healing his sickness.

If you are still waiting for an answer to your prayers, be patient. Just remember that a day is like a thousand years and a thousand years is like one day to the Lord. Don't be surprised if God isn't in a hurry. Jairus had to learn that lesson, and it is a lesson for all of us.

Lesson #3 When you receive bad news, keep walking with God. Finally, Jesus resumes His journey to Jairus' home. Suddenly a messenger comes and delivers bad news. He says, "Your little girl is dead. Why bother the teacher any more?" Can't you imagine that Jairus collapsed right there in grief? He thought, "That's it. We're too late. There's no hope. She's dead." Before he could express his grief and dismiss Jesus, the Lord had a word for him. He said, "Don't be afraid. Just believe." Jairus took this word and kept on walking with Jesus.

Bad news comes in all forms and fashions. I've been with families when the doctor came into the hospital room and shared there is nothing else that they can do. It must be a difficult job when a police officer knocks on the door of a family's home at three o'clock in the morning to give bad news. Whenever you receive bad news, don't give up. Don't quit. Hear the words of Jesus, "Don't be afraid. Only believe." Fear says, "Give up." Faith says, "Keep walking." Fear says, "There's no way." Faith says, "Only believe."

Amid all the bad news that is swirling around us, we sometimes want to say, "Why God?" Why are innocent people getting hurt? Why are people doing such evil things? Why is there so much sickness and disease? Remember this: God doesn't owe us any explanations. He has given us something better. He has promised that He will never leave you or forsake you. He has promised that in all things He is working for the good of those who love Him.

Lesson #4 When you face death, claim His hope. Jesus gives you hope when you experience grief. We all go through the experience of grief, but when we know Jesus, our grief is infused with hope. Jairus and Jesus walked into a scene of grief. There were professional Jewish

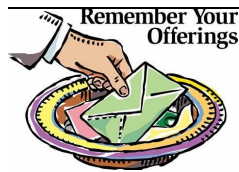


HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

July 3rd Ernest Goff



June 29th Chris & Donna Short
June 30th Troy & Sharon Chesser
July 2nd Larry & Sharon Sutton
July 3rd William & Kathleen Garrett



Remember Your Offerings

Though you may not be able to attend church right now for worship services and Bible studies; we still have obligations to God to give our tithes and offerings. If you would like to send your tithe and offering to the church you can do so one of two ways. You can mail it to Debbie Rus-

sell 1627 Whitehall Road Mackville, KY 40040 or to Willisburg Baptist Church PO Box 58 Willisburg, KY 40078.

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Family of Jan Coulter
Juanita Lewis
Dreama Milburn & Family
Nikki Stumph
Gerald Mattingly
Julie Sagracy
Joseph Brown
Tonya Collins
McKayla Chesser
Edward Hay
Debbie Cloyd

First Responders
Doctors & Nurses
Medical Techs.
Police
All who are hurting



grievers whose job was to weep and wail at a death scene. Since Jairus was a leader in the synagogue, they probably had the deluxe package. The richer a person was, the more noise and racket would be made. You have to read between the lines to understand that there was a little tense interaction between Jesus and these professional mourners. Jesus said, "Why all this weeping? The child isn't dead; she's just asleep." The Bible says that the mourners laughed Jesus to shame.

They scornfully said, "We're the death experts, who are you?" The scripture simply says Jesus put them out. Grief is a painful process for everyone, including Christians, but it is a process, not a destination.

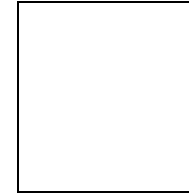
Jesus gives you hope when it's your time to die. Paul was facing death in a Roman prison cell. As he was contemplating whether he would live or die, he wrote, "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain... I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body." (Philippians 1:21-24)

When you follow Jesus, you are in a win-win situation. Jesus walked into a house that was full of death and grief, and He transformed it into a house of life and rejoicing. He said to the little girl, "Wake up!" She did, and she was hungry. Look at your disappointments in life as an appointment with God. There is always something we can learn through Him.

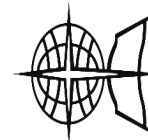
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