"He's More than Enough!"

(Mark 5:35 - 43)

We have previously been blessed to observe our Lord's power over *devils* and *disease*. The final miracle found in Mark chapter five demonstrates the Lord's power over what is possibly man's most feared enemy, *death*! It is a wonderful blessing to know that there is nothing we will face in this life that the Lord cannot overcome. He is more than enough to meet the needs of everyone who calls upon His name!

The miracle recorded in our text concerns a twelve year old girl. She was the daughter of one of the rulers of the synagogue in Capernaum. The name of this ruler was Jairus (Mark 5:22). Jairus is a name that has become well known to students of the Bible, because of this miracle of Christ raising his daughter from the dead. As a ruler of the synagogue, Jairus had a number of important duties and responsibilities laid upon him. Yet, his prestigious position did not keep his home from a trial of serious illness. Difficult burdens and hardships can come upon folks from every level of society. No one is exempt from trials and afflictions. But the greater the *difficulty*, the greater the *display* of the power of God! We will see that in our text.

I. The **Plea for a** **Miracle**

A. The **Reason** for the Plea
The plea for a miracle originated with Jairus and was on behalf of his twelve year old daughter. The reason for the plea was twofold. Primarily it was a *health* reason, but there was also a *heart* reason involved too.

1. A *Health* Reason

"And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death..."

(Mark 5:23)

The daughter of Jairus was a very sick girl. In fact, she was at the point of death. This severe sickness caused Jairus to go to Christ, seeking a miracle. Poor health and sickness is a good thing when it drives people to the Lord. Physical affliction can sometimes be a blessing. The Psalm writer said, "It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statues"

(Psalm 119:71). While it is difficult to see this truth in the midst of suffering, the end result of divine affliction is to bring us closer to the Lord. Therefore, sickness can be for the glory of Christ and the good of the Christian. The greatest illustration of this truth is the fact that our Lord Jesus Christ had to suffer greatly in order that we might be saved and enjoy eternal glory!

2. A *Heart* Reason

"For he had one only daughter..."

(Luke 8:42)
The heart of a true parent always hurts when a child is suffering. In the case of Jairus, this girl was the only child he had. This certainly amplifies the heart aspect of his appeal to Christ. Jairus' heart was broken for his little daughter. People are often more serious and sincere with God when hearts are broken and needs are urgent.

B. The **Respect** in the Plea

"And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet." (Mark 5:22)

Jairus had much respect for the Lord Jesus Christ. To show this respect and honor, he took a humble position before the Lord. Though Jairus held a religious position of considerable prestige among the Jews, he bowed before Christ in a way that acknowledged his high regard for the Lord Jesus. Humility is always the proper way to approach God. Pride and arrogance receive nothing from God except judgment. Blessings come from honoring the Saviour, not from honoring our self!

"They that would receive mercy from Christ must give honor to Christ." (M. Henry)

Matthew's account of this miracle records that Jairus also "worshipped" the Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 9:18). The timing of this worship provides an important lesson for all of
God's people. We need to learn to worship God in the midst of our troubles. Many times when trouble comes we begin to neglect the worship of God. But failing to spend time in the presence of God will not fix our troubles, it will only make things worse. Jairus worshipped Christ while his daughter was at home at the point of death. May God help us to see the importance of praising Him in the midst of our problems!

C. The Reception of the Plea

"And Jesus went with him..."
(Mark 5:24)

The Lord responded favorably to the plea of Jairus for his daughter. It was a privilege to have Christ on His way to the place of need. The presence of Christ is the key to every blessing. Thanks be to God that we do not have to have His physical presence with us to get our needs met! His presence through the Holy Spirit is more than enough to solve every situation in our life!

II. The Problems for the Mission

A. The Delay

The working of a miracle for Jairus' daughter was delayed by the desperate need of another soul. As Christ passed through the massive crowd on His way to Jairus' house, He was touched by a
woman suffering with an issue of blood. She had suffered for twelve long years with her issue and was determined to receive healing from Christ. This, of course, delayed the mission of healing Jairus' daughter. Such a delay almost certainly created frustration in the mind of Jairus. It is such a difficult task to learn to wait on God. The answer to our requests does not often come right when we expect it to. Divine providence seems to work against us at times, but in the long run we will learn that God was really working for us!

"Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD."
(Psalm 27:14)

The delay in working a miracle for Jairus' daughter was a real test of his patience and faith. But it also provided an opportunity for Jairus to learn a great lesson. When we are encumbered with serious issues in our own life, it is not easy to see the problems and needs that exist in the lives of others. So often we have no time or desire to reach out and help others with the issues they are dealing with, simply because we are consumed in thinking about our own problems!

"God permits such things as this delay to help improve our unselfish consideration of others. Selfishness is not a good character trait, and God would help us get rid of as much selfishness as possible. And forcing us to deal with other people's problems, even though we have serious problems of our own, helps to fight this character problem of selfishness."
While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, \textit{Thy daughter is dead...}'' (Mark 5:35)

While Jairus was seeking help from Christ, someone arrived with the sad announcement that his daughter was dead. We can only imagine how this news must have weighed on Jairus' heart. Even though he knew that his daughter was "at the point of death" (Mark 5:23), the reality that she was now dead must have caused his heart to sink even lower inside him. When it seemed that he was so close to the solution, the worst possible news arrived - his daughter was dead! But, as we will soon see, the deterioration of the problem simply provided a greater opportunity for Christ to manifest His glory. The Lord will sometimes allow a problem to get as bad as it could possibly seem just before He steps in to remedy the situation. The greater the \textit{problem}, the greater the \textit{power} of God to work a great miracle! Jesus is more than enough!
2. The *Advice* because of her Death

"Why troulest thou the Master any further?"
(Mark 5:35)

Carrying the news of someone's death to their family and friends is never a pleasant task. Doctors, chaplains, ministers, and law enforcement officers have been given this responsibility many times. Certainly no one enjoys such a job, but it must be done. Those who carry such news should do so with much sympathy and compassion. Unfortunately, those that brought the sad news to Jairus were very much lacking in skill in this area. Like the "friends" of Job, "miserable comforters" is a title that would describe them well (Job 16:2).

The words these messengers gave Jairus provided no encouragement for him at all. It was as if they were accusing Jairus of being a bother to the Lord. It seems that they would have preferred for Jairus to give up hope and stop seeking the help of Christ. Sinners are often guilty of trying to limit the help that God and His word can give to a person. Some people think that God is not able to change the sad condition of their lives. How sad it is that many of these doubters and skeptics are the very people who fill the pews of churches week after week!

3. The *Assurance* in spite of her Death
"As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe." (Mark 5:36)

Christ cared much about Jairus and his needs. He spoke words of compassion and comfort to him in his hour of trouble and sorrow. When times of great discouragement arise, Christ is always there to give us the assurance that we desperately need. Sometimes we may feel that God has forsaken us, but He has done no such thing! God knows and cares deeply about all of His children. His words of encouragement to His people in need still ring out today, "Be not afraid, only believe" (Mark 5:36). May God help us to take these words to heart!

C. The Derision

As Christ came near to the house of Jairus, He was met with a crowd who derided Him and His word. This mockery came primarily from the hired mourners and neighbors who had gathered to weep for Jairus' daughter. They certainly provided no comfort for the grieving. In all reality, their scornful words only made the situation worse. Those who despise Christ and His blessed word are no comfort during a time of sorrow.

"And they laughed him to scorn" (Mark 5:40). People often resort to derision and mockery when they have nothing of substance to say. The world is full of people today who are still scorning the Lord Jesus Christ and His holy word. Such criticism and mockery does not disprove the power of God, it only displays the utter foolishness of those who love to run their
mouth! But Christ will have no part of it! The Bible says that He "put them all out" (Mark 5:40). Christ would not display His miraculous power in the presence of doubters and skeptics. They were not permitted to witness the wonderful works of God. Still today, man's unbelief puts a blindfold over his eyes so that he cannot see the sacred work of the Holy Spirit of God!

III. The **Power** of the **Master**

A. The **Work** of **Christ**

After the scorners and critics had been dismissed, the Lord Jesus Christ began to do His work. And it was a great work, for it was a resurrection miracle. Our Lord had no problem raising this young girl from the dead. He has all power in Heaven and in earth. There is no case that is too hard for the Great Physician. He's more than enough to raise the dead and give them new life! In a spiritual sense, He does it for every sinner that He saves by the miracle of His GRACE!

"And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, **Damsel, I say unto thee, arise.**"  
(Mark 5:41)

*His Touch*  
*His Tender Command*

B. The **Waking** of the **Child**

"And straightway the damsel arose, and walked;"
"Two words and the soul is snatched from the maw of that old lion, death. The child's pale cheeks blushed red with new life. Her eyelids fluttered. She opened her eyes, saw Jesus, and sat up! Just like that! That's healing New Testament style! She soon left her bed! In a moment, she was up and about. Five of the seven people in the room stared and stared. Soon the little girl was running from one to another, the very picture of health and strength. Here was no gradual recovery! Here was a child who was very much dead, indeed, one moment, and very much alive the next. Here was divine healing indeed!"

(J. Phillips)

C. The **Wonder** of the **Crowd**

"And they were astonished with a great astonishment."

(Mark 5:42)

The amazement of those who witnessed the miracle gives excellent proof of the validity of the work of Christ. The astonished witnesses knew the girl's condition better than anybody else. The parents, especially, had watched her health decline from a vibrant young girl until she finally became a lifeless corpse. Then suddenly, she was an energetic young girl again! All of the miracles and the teachings of Christ are filled with ample proof. So there is no need to doubt Him now. He's more than enough!

D. A **Word** to **Christians**
"And he charged them straitly that no man should know it; and commanded that something should be given her to eat."
(Mark 5:43)

Life needs nourishment in order to continue. This little girl needed something to eat. So Christ commanded that food be given to her. The miracle was already done and another miracle was not necessary. And while Christ was well able to feed her, He chose to delegate this responsibility to someone else. What a good illustration this command is of the need of the church to feed babes in Christ! The salvation of the sinner is the miracle work of Christ; the feeding of the redeemed sinner is the work of the church. "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (I Peter 2:2). Once life is given, the people must be fed, time and time again. They need a steady diet of sound doctrine. May God help the church to get actively involved in this extensively important task!

CONCLUSION:

As we come to the conclusion of our study in Mark chapter five, we have witnessed the mighty power of our Lord Jesus Christ. He has power over devils, disease, and death. There is nothing in our lives that is too hard for Him to handle. When hope's all gone, Help is on the way! And we can still touch Him, because He's more than enough!
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