

**FEAR NOT, SHOW FAITH**  
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**Luke 8:41-43**

***“And behold there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue; and he fell down at Jesus’ feet and he besought Him that he would come into his house;***

***For he had one only daughter, about twelve years of age and she lay a dying. But as he went the people thronged him.***

***And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physician, neither could be healed of any.***

Praise God. We’ll jump from here and then we’ll go to verse 49.

***“While he yet spoke, there comes one from the ruler of the synagogue’s house saying to him, your daughter is dead; trouble not the master.***

***But when Jesus hears it he answered him saying, fear not, believe only and she shall be made whole”***

Praise God. Now there came a man from this account by the name Jairus. He came to the Lord asking for help, he had just one daughter, one and only – how bad the devil could be, and she was sick unto death. Bible says ***“she lay a dying”***. In other words, she was dying, and he came to the Master and sought the Lord’s help and the Bible says, ***“as he went ...”***

***“For he had one only daughter, about twelve years of age and she lay a dying. But as He (Jesus) went ...”***

***“As He went”***. That tells me that the Lord had consented to his request, not so? Praise God. Now, the Lord Jesus was going to the man’s house. The man had begged him, he had prayed him, he had made request unto him, and now He was going. By His going to the man’s house, He had purposed to bring healing to his daughter. He had determined, the Bible says, ***“as he went...”***. He was already on His way. Praise God!

Now the Bible says whatever the Lord purposes to do, that cannot fail. **Isaiah 14: 24,**

***“The Lord of Host has sworn, saying, surely as I have thought so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand”.***

Now the Greek word *Logos* which is regularly translated ‘word’ in the New Testament scriptures, is that word that communicates the mind of God; His thoughts. Now, the text says ***“as I have thought, so it shall come to pass”***.

Praise God! **“... as I have purposed, so it shall stand”**. Now the Lord had purposed to go to this man’s house. Bible says He was on His way when He was intercepted by another person. This girl, whose house He was going was twelve years old, about to die and a woman who had an ailment for so long a time too, twelve years, also met Him. The Lord had to attend to this woman. While He delayed the girl died. The worst happened. But, remember, the Lord had purposed, He had purposed, had determined to go, He was on His way going to the man’s house.

Brethren, whatever prayer you have asked of the Lord, whatever request you have made from the Lord, and I want to let you know clearly that the Lord has answered everyone of them. There may be a delay in you receiving. It’s for good reasons, like the Lord had here. He was delayed for good reasons, Praise God! There may be a delay for whatever you’re requesting from God, which you know only God can do. There might be a delay in the answer, in what you are expecting, but the Lord has purposed. That purpose will stand. Halleluyah!

**“Ask”**, He said, **“and you shall receive. For everyone that asketh receiveth.”** God will not withhold anything good from you. Praise God.

While He delayed, the girl died, and then word came to the father of the girl who was standing by our Lord Jesus while attending to the woman with issue of blood, because this time, there was a crowd of people there. Here came the woman with the issue of blood, the bible said, she came in the press behind and touched the hem of his garment and she was made whole. There was a crowd there, big crowd and when the man came from the house and said your daughter is dead, leave him alone, he’s too busy praise God, in that crowd, the Lord heard that noise of a miracle happened, He heard the word that was spoken, he heard from the messenger. Your daughter is dead. And then the Lord told us two things from his response,: what you must do in order to line up with a miracle. When he first heard the word, she was sick, having prayed to the master, the condition grew worst until she died. This time, he had prayed, they were in process but the condition wasn’t better, praise God, the girl died.

Maybe your condition has grown worse from the first time you prayed, you thought when you prayed, there shall be a quick answer, a doing, a performance, and then, yah, God is good. But somehow, since you prayed and prayed for, the condition has grown worst, perhaps hopeless now. But the Lord has purposed, and he said, as I have purposed, so it shall stand. It may have gone worse, gone bad, very bad, but God’s counsel, God’s purpose that alone shall stand. Hallelujah and when the man came, hey it’s over, the girl is dead. He said, fear not, before he could say anything he answered back, **fear not, believe only and your daughter shall be made whole**, but she was dead. Hallelujah, fear not, fear is a crippler. What is fear really? Praise God, you see, fear is a feeling, it’s a feeling of discomfort, an uneasiness, an apprehension of tension, that is something coming from a thought, a thought that something bad is about to happen or what was bad is getting worse, the feeling, that thought that something is getting worst from bad to worse. That feeling of apprehension, of tension, of tightness, uneasiness, discomfort, praise God. It says fear not. Fear torments,

fear neutralizes every effort of faith. Then you ask me, why is fear there in the first place? Fear has its good part; I'll tell you what that good part is. By fear you can exercise caution and prudence, so you can know how to walk. But whatever challenges the grace of God in your life, that kind of fear reject it. Hallelujah, he said fear not, don't fear the worst, don't have thoughts. You see, when God says fear not, he means two things:

1. He's saying not to consider any negative thought; don't consider any thought that is contrary to your hope. Hello! Don't consider any thought that is contrary or against your hope.
2. Don't or do not show any feeling of apprehension, keep your cool in spite of. Don't show any feeling of apprehension, of tension, of horror, of fright.

He said believe only, don't fear, fear not what you just heard, an evil news that your one and only daughter is dead, fear not, don't consider, don't give it a thought, don't brood on it, don't consider any thought that is against your hope. Fear begins with a thought, praise God and he says don't show, do not show any feeling of apprehension. Now faith doesn't mean the absence of fear, fear is always there. You cannot help the thought, praise God, the thought will always come when your faced ....., now just imagine now, you go to the hospital for a treatment, for a test and you find that you have cancer that the tissue is cancerous, its cancer. Will you say praise God, this is good? Of course, that infection will cast fear and for months to come that thought will hunt you, the fear of you've heard of cancer, so now me? Praise God, the thought will be there.

Faith is acting on God's, acting in trust of God in spite of fear, praise God. Faith is not the absence of fear praise God, it is being able to act on God's word and to act trusting him in spite of the fear, praise God, in spite of fear. So he told him, fear not, fear not, don't consider the thoughts, don't show feelings of apprehension ..... eh, my daughter is dead, Master quick now, Master quick, praise God. Those are ....., those have been feelings of apprehension, they would have been showing tension, fear. He says what? Fear not. Praise God. fear not, believe only, praise God, believe only, not mixed up, believe only, only believe. So all I need to do is just believe, hallelujah. What is he saying there? Believe only. You see there's a spirit called the spirit of fear; do you know how it works? Or how he works because he's a person. Now please get this straight that the devil cannot do you anything except you buy his thought. For you who are in Christ Jesus, the devil cannot do you anything except you first buy his thoughts. For the world he could, because they're still in his domain . But for you, the devil cannot do you anything except you first buy his thoughts which he sells to you, hallelujah. Now the way this spirit works, knowing he cannot do you anything, he makes you first and foremost to doubt God, hallelujah. When doubt you God, fear arises.

What is doubt? The Greek word will interest you, it means to withdraw, praise God. Please follow me very carefully, it means to withdraw, it means to

separate. What does it imply, what does it mean? I have believed for example, that in Christ Jesus I am blessed and then came a new information – o yes you are blessed but, you should go for a check up, that's a demon is blocking here and a demon is blocking there, go for a check up before you can be delivered and then you say yeh, yeh, yeh, its true, its true. When I accept this new one, this new information, I have withdrawn from the first information, are you following me please? I have withdrawn from the first information. That withdrawal from the first information to the second information shows that I have doubted the first information; I have withdrawn from the first information that I am blessed in him. Now I'm been told that not really but that I should go for a check up so that I can be delivered. From that now, I have withdrawn from that information and I have accepted the second one, praise God. Now that withdrawal, that separation is what God calls doubt. Your separating or withdrawing from that present position of belief to another is what he calls doubt.

Praise God. Now he says here, if you say to this mountain in **Mark 11:2**, be thou removed and cast into the sea and not doubt in his heart, in other words, he does not change position, he does not withdraw from what he said earlier, and start considering other things, he will have what he saith. Hello church. What the devil does, he knows what you know by what you say and then he sells a thought. That thought he sells you, when you now consider that thought and withdraw from the first thought you had and received his own thought, you have doubted the Lord's word.

Each time you feel apprehended, your feeling tensed up, your feeling worried, your feeling concerned, your feeling terrible, that's a sign to you that you have doubted the word of the Lord, that you have considered or you are considering the thought the devil is sowing to you. Because the devil's words and thoughts will always spring terror. So when it comes in, you're so tensed, you're so afraid, you're so ..... because now, you know there's a problem because of the thoughts you have bought, He says believe only, praise God. Bible says in **James 1**, he said he that doubted, what did he say? Shall receive nothing from the Lord. He's like the sea that is unstable. Praise God, doubt destroys. So the devil sows his thoughts into you, that thought when considered and accepted, makes you change position from what you had earlier believed. Hello church, praise God.

I once said that to believe is a process, it begins with hearing God's word. Faith comes how/ by hearing, then you now consider what you heard in order to either accept it or reject it, praise God. When I have thus thought about it, then it is now accepted. It is when it is accepted that God says you have believed. But it's still in process.

The final one, fourth one is , show acceptance.

What God is saying here in this text, fear not only believe. What he was really saying is this, show faith, believe only, fear not and show faith, don't show evidence, don't show feelings of terror. Don't show apprehension, don't show tension, don't show one its all over. Instead show faith, trust me I'm right here

with you, praise God. Trust me I'm with you, I'm here with you trust me and trust my word. Show faith and thank God the man complied. No record of the man wailing, he kept his cool, he said nothing and bible says she shall be made whole. She wasn't whole, she was dead. The greater one has spoken, the higher one has spoken – death has taken her but she shall be made whole, praise God. Someone higher, someone mightier has spoken, she shall be made whole. Her being made whole is dependant on these two things – fear not and believe only, praise God. Believe only, show faith. You see, bible says that God's eyes run to and fro, you say God is slow, he's not, his eyes, they run to and fro the whole earth bible says, to show himself strong on behalf of those whose heart are loyal towards him. Praise God. If you show faith on him and on his word, he will not disappoint you, he is faithful, the Lord is good, he will not disappoint you. Listen, you will hear news, evil news here and there, praise God. Be careful to show no apprehension, trust in God, rely upon him.

Job was in a condition, in a hard pain yet in his condition, he feared death, feared everything but he never showed all those things, he could still say I no my redeemer liveth. Praise God. Fear not, you will hear evil talks, you will see evil things, but do what the Psalmist said, in Psalm 91, you will hear here and hear there, you see here and see there, praise God, but say none will come near my dwelling place. Hallelujah and you shall be made whole. There will be a recovery, there will be a restoration, only show faith. There may be a delay, but God has proposed to do you good, delay with God is not denial. That he has purposed to do you good, show faith, your glory has its due season, hallelujah. No more long faces, no more drooping shoulders, no looking long and looking dry, looking hopeless, no no, show faith hallelujah. I will rejoice in you and be glad, I will exult your name more than wine, draw me unto you and let us dine together, I will rejoice in and be glad in spite of, praise God. Learn to show faith. The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want, praise God. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil. David at that time was in a cave not in the palace, he was in the cave, running from Saul, yet he could boldly say, the Lord is my shepherd, he was showing faith.

The Lord leads, God is not an idea, He's a person. He's the Lord of Lords and the King of kings, He's the highly, O praise God. He's highly exulted above every name that is named, He is highly exulted above the heavens. He said as I live, every kneel shall bow to me, praise God. Show faith, what your going through is a trial – that pain is a trial, that thing is a trial, that you're sick in the body or that your job is this, your home is that, it's a trial. Whatever happens to a child of God, is a test of faith

Hello, God is seeing, watching to see how you will react, He can overturn everything at a single blow. Show faith, praise God. Job said in all my times .....**Job 14** quickly, it's a verse I like so much, **Job 14**, look at **Verse 14** what did it say?

***“if a man die; shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come”***

Praise God, I will wait until my change comes. Tell yourself I will show faith today, today I will show faith, praise God. God wants you to rejoice ever more in spite of, praise God in spite of. You may be broke, no dime in your pocket, rejoice still, no food to eat now, rejoice still, no job, rejoice still, no home, rejoice still, no friend, rejoice still, no clothe, rejoice still, all the nos, rejoice still. Your rejoicing is an evidence of faith, and when God sees you rejoicing in spite of ..... Though your rejoicing, what your feeling is still there, is it not, its still there, the pain is still there, the insult is still there, the shame is still there but your rejoicing anyhow because there is someone that is above all else. Praise God.

Your change will come as you rejoice in him, praise God, what your going through s just a test of faith. You had before but now you don't have, it's a phase, it will pass. Praise God, rejoice evermore, rejoice in hope show faith that connects you with his hand and the Lord will not fail you, hallelujah. No wife, no husband, no child, no home, rejoice still, show faith. Don't go to your closet and start crying God how long will I wait, O God, He knows before you began to pray. Say Lord I know you know, the psalmist says, I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Before I was born you knew me, praise God. He knows you and your times are in his hand. If your sick in the body this morning, I want to tell you that God's hand is upon you and as you show faith, show your belief, at least before the man came to meet the Lord he had a belief on him not so? So keep it, don't let any evil news steal your faith, praise God.

Say God is good to me, this my soul knows so well