

I. Case Study: Immerse Yourself in Faith

Description: All of God's people have been given the measure of faith but many have not immersed themselves into that faith to receive all that is found in a single mustard seed.

And there came a man named Jairus, and he was an official of the synagogue; and he fell at Jesus' feet, and began to implore Him to come to his house; for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, and she was dying. But as He went, the crowds were pressing against Him. And a woman who had a hemorrhage for twelve years, and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His cloak, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped. And Jesus said, "Who is the one who touched Me?" And while they were all denying it, Peter said, "Master, the people are crowding and pressing in on You." But Jesus said, "Someone did touch Me, for I was aware that power had gone out of Me." When the woman saw that she had not escaped notice, she came trembling and fell down before Him, and declared in the presence of all the people the reason why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While He was still speaking, someone came from the house of the synagogue official, saying, "**Your daughter has died; do not trouble the Teacher anymore.**" But when Jesus heard this, He answered him, "Do not be afraid any longer; only believe, and she will be made well." When He came to the house, **He did not allow anyone to enter with Him, except Peter and John and James, and the girl's father and mother.** Now they were all weeping and lamenting for her; but **He said, "Stop weeping,** for she has not died, but is asleep." And they began **laughing at Him,** knowing that she had died. **He, however, took her by the hand** and called, saying, "Child, **arise!**" And her spirit returned, and she got up immediately; and **He gave orders for something to be given her to eat.** Her parents were amazed; but He instructed them to tell no one what had happened. - Luke 8:41-56 NASU

1. Beware of hopelessness

"...Your daughter has died; do not trouble the Teacher anymore..."

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the men of old gained approval. - Hebrews 11:1-2 NASU

Hope deferred makes the heart sick, But desire fulfilled is a tree of life. - Proverbs 13:12 NASU

2. Surround yourself with believers

"...He did not allow anyone to enter with Him, except Peter and John and James, and the girl's father and mother..."

How blessed is the man who does not walk in the **counsel of the wicked,** Nor sit in the **seat of scoffers!** But his **delight is in the law of the Lord,** And in His law **he meditates day and night.** He will be like a **tree firmly planted by streams of water,** Which **yields its fruit in its season** And **its leaf does not wither;** And in **whatever he does, he prospers.** Psalms 1:1-3 NASU

3. Stop Weeping...

“...Now they were all weeping and lamenting for her; but He said, "Stop weeping, for she has not died, but is asleep."...”

fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. - Hebrews 12:2 NASU

- a. Fix your eyes on Jesus
- b. Look for the joy set before you
- c. Have an expectation

4. People may laugh at you

“..."Stop weeping, for she has not died, but is asleep." And they began laughing at Him, knowing that she had died..."

For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are, so that no man may boast before God. - 1 Corinthians 1:26-29 NASU

- Asleep or dead?
- Sick or healed?

5. Grab hold of the promises of God for healing

“...He, however, took her by the hand..."

But as God is faithful, our word to you is not yes and no. For the Son of God, Christ Jesus, who was preached among you by us — by me and Silvanus and Timothy — was not yes and no, but **is yes in Him**. For as many as are the promises of God, in Him they are yes; therefore also through Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us - 2 Corinthians 1:18-20 NASU

6. Talk to yourself

“..."Child, arise!" And her spirit returned, and she got up immediately..."

My tears have been my food day and night, While they say to me all day long, "Where is your God?" These things I remember and I pour out my soul within me. For I used to go along with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God, With the voice of joy and thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival. **Why are you in despair, O my soul? And why have you become disturbed within me? Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him For the help of His presence.** - Psalms 42:3-5 NASU