

# CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?

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Mark 5:22-24, 35-43; 6:1-6

The daughter of Jairus is dead.

He is a ruler of the Jews.

Jairus; Enlightenment. Brings enlightenment to his house.

His daughter is sick.

While bringing Jesus to his home for healing, she dies.

Let's work on your and my belief system today, for faith is acting on what you believe.

## I. Only Believe.

All things are possible. What do you want from God?

Mark 9:23 *Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.*

A. Literally, "continue believing."

1. The basis for developing faith and finding freedom.

John 8:31-32 *Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; :32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*

2. Sometimes we have to see something miraculous for us to believe.

John 2:23 *Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast day, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did.*

a. He had seen the woman with an issue of blood healed while returning home with Jesus.

[1.] The disciple Thomas was such a person.

John 20:29 *Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.*

b. The greater power works in those who need not see.

Jesus says the real blessing and rewards come when believing is seeing.

2Cor. 5:7 *(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)*

Hebr. 11:6 *But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

3. Becomes faith only when acted on and/or spoken.

James 2:19-20 *Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. :20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?*

B. Be not afraid. vs. 36

1. Fear, doubt and unbelief work together in harmony.
  - a. Fear is the opposite of faith.
    - [1.] Fear is actually faith in the powers of darkness.
2. The Israelites failed due to unbelief.
 

Hebr. 3:19 *So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.*  
 Hebr. 4:6 *Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief:*

  - a. Unbelief considered to be evil.
 

Hebr. 3:12 *Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.*

## **II. Being Controlled By Emotions And Intellect.**

Prov. 3:5 *Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.*

- A. The doubters of this story were given to extreme mood and emotional swings. Went from weeping to laughter.
  1. They were grieving and mourning. vs. 38
  2. Changed to laughter when confronted with real faith. vs. 40
- B. God is not moved by emotion.

## **III. Removed The Doubters.**

- A. Started with his own camp. vs. 37
  1. He only took three who knew would stand in faith with him. Notice, no Thomas.
    - a. Other Christians can hinder through their unbelief.
- B. The mourners. vs.40
  1. Family and friends can hinder through their unbelief.
 

Matt. 13:57 *And they were offended in him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house.*

Matt. 10:36 *And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.*

    - a. A key reason to not be unequally yoked.
 

2Cor. 6:14 *Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?*
  2. He put them all out.
- C. Familiarity breeds contempt.
  1. His work was limited in his own country because their familiarity with them bred unbelief. vs. 6:1-5
    - a. Caused him to marvel. vs. 6

## Conclusion:

- Develop a close relationship with God.  
Those disciples that were closet believed the greatest.  
2Tim. 1:12 *For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.*
- Don't allow sense knowledge to rule your spiritual life.  
The only boundaries that God has are the ones we put on Him.
- Avoid being pulled into unbelief by the pouters, doubters and do-withouters.  
Luke 8:18 *Take heed therefore how ye hear:...*  
Num. 14:37-38 *Even those men that did bring up the evil report upon the land, died by the plague before the LORD. :38 But Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of the men that went to search the land, lived still.*