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Scriptures : Mark 5:21-34

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## **Introduction**

Story from the Hymn "It is Well with my Soul".  
It is an illustration of how God can work in the midst of tragedy.

Jesus said it this way in **John 16:33b**

*"In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."*

Job also commented on the plight of man in **Job 14:1; Job 5:7**,

*"Man who is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble... Yet man is born to trouble, as the sparks fly upward".*

In this passage in Mark 5: 21-34, we are confronted with a father who is experiencing tragedy.  
**Jairus found out that Jesus is more than enough in the times of our tragedy.**

### **i. A Pitiful Dialogue (Mark 5: 21-23)**

- **The Accomplishments Of Jairus** – Jairus is a "ruler of the synagogue". That is, he is a man of *prominence, position, prestige, privilege, prosperity* and *power* in the community. In reality, what he had in the world meant nothing! Death had come to the house of Jairus, and it had come for his real treasure. That "*little daughter*", v. 23, the one Luke calls his "*one only daughter*" (Luke 8:42), was dying and she was his real treasure!
- **The Attitude Of Jairus** - Jairus had heard about Jesus. He saw that Jesus was his only hope.  
  
Notice how this man of position and power came before Jesus Christ.  
He came *reverently, prayerfully* and *passionately*.
- **The Acknowledgment Of Jairus** - When Jairus comes to Jesus, he falls down before Him and makes his petition to the Lord. He is saying to Jesus, "***I cannot do this thing, but I believe you can!***" What a statement of faith! We need to learn the truth that we can't, but He can!

### **ii. A Painful Delay (Mark 5: 24-35)**

- **The Interest Of the Saviour** - When Jairus shares his story with Jesus, he receives a sympathetic ear. Jesus is interested in his need and goes with Jairus to his house.
- **The Intrusion Of Sickness** - As Jesus goes with Jairus, they are stopped by the woman with the issue of blood. None of the Gospel writers ever record anything that Jairus said during this delaying time. He has placed that problem in the hand of Jesus and he has left it there.

- **The Invasion Of Sorrow** - During the time of delay, a servant of Jairus comes with the tragic word: “***Your daughter is dead!***” Surely, this man could not understand the reasons for his tragedy!

Of course, what we see as a delay is really God moving at the right time!

### iii. **A Powerful Deliverance (Mark 5: 36-43)**

Jairus has placed his faith in Jesus, and even in the face of death, his faith does not waiver. Notice how faith in Jesus saw Him produce a great victory.

- **The Exclamation Of Faith** - Jesus says to Jairus, “***Be not afraid, only believe!***”  
What a word of faith!

Jesus is saying to him,

“Don’t believe what you hear, v. 35.

Don’t believe what you know, v. 38-39.

Don’t believe what you see, v. 40.

***Just trust Me!***”

- **The Exclusions Of Faith** - Notice that Jesus put out everyone who did not believe Him. Those who lacked faith in Him were excluded from seeing Him move and work in power.

**Faith believes the incredible, sees the invisible and receives the impossible.** Unbelief receives nothing from the hand of God  
(James 1:6-7; Matt. 21:22.)

- **The Exhibition Of Faith** - When Jesus entered the room where that dead girl was lying, He took her by the hand and told her to rise and she did! When those in the room saw what Jesus had done, the Bible says they were “***astonished with a great astonishment***”.

### **Conclusion:**

- He is waiting to do that same thing in your life today. He is waiting for you to bring your impossible situation to Him, leave it with Him by faith, and trust Him to deal with it in His time.
- The supply for our need will only be found in Jesus Christ. He is a Sovereign Lord! He can take an impossible situation and turn it into a miracle of His power and glory. Is there a need? Get it to Him!