

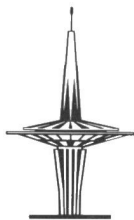
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If You Need to Be Free From Fear Do These Things

The Prayer Tower on the Oral Roberts University campus receives about 2,000 phone calls a day, and a

great many of these calls relate to fear.

There's fear in our country. I see and feel it in my mail. People write to me and tell me of being afraid, of not knowing what's going to happen to them next. Some of these dear people have good incomes, some are broke and without a job, and some are working at hard jobs day after day just to make ends meet. Inflation eats away at people's earnings. Some are filled with fear even though they are very successful, and others are afraid they're not going to make it at all. It seems that everybody is afraid of something.

Well, I've been there, too. I know from personal experience the deadly power of doubt and fear. But I also know the power of faith over fear. And I want to take you to the Word of God and let you see what you can do to get in faith, stay in faith, and receive God's

healing power of deliverance in your life. With Jesus' help, you *can* be free from fear!

Go Back to Jesus' Life

In St. Luke 8: 41, 42, 49-56 we have the account of a little girl and the fear her parents went through.

The story centers around her father, Jairus. He was a man who believed and who was a leader in the synagogue. Jesus was blazing a new trail of healing among the people wherever He went. He came against all the prejudices of religious people who believed God didn't heal as He had in the days of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

There had been no miracles among them for so long that when Jesus came they were full of doubt and often downright antagonistic. They said all

kinds of bad things about Jesus, especially for healing the sick. The devil had them just about where he wanted them. He was stealing away their faith and filling them with fear.

And I want to say at this point that when I face criticism and opposition to my ministry of taking Jesus' healing power to people today, I always go back to Jesus' life and take renewed courage to have faith over any fear I feel. The story of the healing of Jairus' little daughter is a strong reminder to me of the struggle of fear we all go through. Thank God, faith still works!

Remember That It's Never Too Late For Jesus

The religious establishment had rejected Jesus' claims and His healing power. Jairus was not part of them in

that area of his believing. He thought for himself and when it was HIS child who needed healing, he went against all the opposition and came to Jesus in her behalf. It was not easy to go against his peers, but his daughter's chance to be healed was more important than what the critics thought or did.

“My little daughter lieth at the point of death,” he said to Jesus. **“Come and lay your hands on her and she shall live.”**

If you think it is daring to believe in healing today, just go with me as we see what happened in this situation.

While Jesus was going home with the father, they were stopped about halfway there. A man from Jairus' house came and said, **“Jairus, your little girl is dead. Why trouble the Master anymore?”**

Hear what the man said: “Why trouble Jesus anymore? Your child is dead.” But there were two magnificent things this man had overlooked.

First, Jairus had made contact with Jesus while his daughter was sick but still alive, and Jesus was already on the way to raise her up.

Second, Jesus is always in charge of every situation AS LONG AS THERE'S FAITH BEING RELEASED!

Get in Faith and Stay in Faith... by Believing Only

When Jesus heard the man say it was too late and Jairus was not to bother Him about it, Jesus did exactly what He always does when situations get out of hand and fear tries to take over. He said to Jairus, **“Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made**

whole.”

I love the calmness of Jesus and the fact that He is always in control.

“Don’t be afraid!” He said.

Jesus knew the death-dealing power of fear. He knew that fear is the most tormenting thing the devil can bring to our hearts. He knew if Jairus allowed fear to enter his heart after he had established his point of contact for Jesus to heal the sick child, that fear would stop even the Lord from making Jairus’ daughter whole.

Do you understand what I’m saying?

If you don’t get into faith and STAY in faith, fear will take over your life and defeat you completely. You cannot let that happen. You are precious to God and He sent His Son to Calvary to deliver you.

Jesus didn’t stop with saying, “Don’t

be afraid.” He went further and told the father how to stop being afraid. He said, **“Fear not; believe only.”**

Notice Jesus told Jairus that in order for him to stop fear he had to DO SOMETHING. He was to do something which would be stronger than fear. That was to BELIEVE. However, He added one word to believe. He said, “Believe ONLY,” or, “Only believe.” Jesus always used the purest form of faith. He never mixed anything negative with it, but believed only. He was a man of pure faith. And He came to show us that PURE FAITH IS THE MOST POWERFUL THING WE HAVE. It literally stops the critics and opposers. Jairus’ BELIEVING ONLY caused Jesus to continue toward his little daughter to raise her up.

In the same way, your faith and my faith today causes Jesus to continue

doing His miracles in our lives. Yes, He continues being the Christ of the NOW for us.

Keep Your Believing Directed Toward God

Jesus taught that fear is the opposite form of faith. Fear is taking our God-given power to believe and using it to believe AGAINST God and His love for us, and His power to deliver us.

Both faith and fear are something YOU DO.

Faith is right believing.

Fear is wrong believing.

There is absolutely no way fear can enter your heart as long as you keep your believing directed toward God— as long as you center it on Him as your Source of deliverance and supply. But even when you feel fear taking hold of

you, you can still get back into faith.

The Bible tells us that God has given a full measure of faith to each one of us. Romans 12: 3 says, **“God hath dealt to EVERY MAN the measure of faith.”** That includes you. God has given you the measure of faith, so any fear you may have does NOT come from God. God doesn't give fear to anyone.

St. Paul tells us, **“God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind”** (2 Timothy 1: 7).

Paul was reminding Timothy that God hadn't given him a fearful spirit. When He had placed the gift of the Spirit within him, it did not carry with it the spirit of fear.

**Know That God Did Not Give You the Spirit
of Fear**

Fear is the absence of faith the same as darkness is the absence of light.

As poverty is the absence of money...

As weakness is the absence of strength...

As sickness is the absence of health...

Fear is the absence of real faith in God.

When we let down on our faith in God, we feel that fear. Faith is stronger than fear in the same way that light is stronger than darkness, and health is stronger than sickness. Strength is stronger than weakness and financial prosperity is stronger than poverty. So fear is the absence of God—God in His faith, God in His love, God in His power.

Paul is saying, “God has not given you the spirit of fear, Timothy. He doesn’t make your stomach get queasy.

He doesn't make you fall apart inside or make you want to run when the going gets tough. God doesn't do that, for God has given you the SPIRIT OF POWER."

If you feel fear tearing at your heart today, know God did not give it to you. Fear is a spirit—the spirit of the devil, not the spirit of God.

God gives you His Spirit of power, His Spirit of love, and His Spirit of control over your mind. Each time you feel power to do good, or the power to love, or the power to think good thoughts, that is God's Spirit working in you.

The devil does just the opposite. He attacks the measure of faith that God gave you. The devil seeks to make you doubt that you have any faith at all. The devil tries to make you think that faith is not something God has already given you, but something you have to

get.

Each time you have the least doubt that you have faith, the devil pounces on that wrong believing. He seeks to get you to believe wrongly in order to get you into more fear.

The devil's purpose is to keep you from thinking and believing with pure faith. He well knows how Jesus successfully used pure faith against him and his oppression of the people. He knows his fear is no match for Jesus' pure faith, the full measure of which has been given to you and me. And he knows you and I can choose to fear or choose to exercise pure faith—a faith that has no fear in it. We can use pure faith against the devil, against fear, and every problem we face.

Remember That God Always Rewards Your Faith

Here is something else that is very important to you. Your faith in God brings His rewards to you.

Jesus KNEW that if Jairus continued believing as He had told him, that BELIEVING ONLY would stop fear and bring the miracle.

It was a struggle, but Jairus resisted the man's message of fear and the misconception that to continue believing was only to bother Jesus. Jesus showed him that FAITH NEVER BOTHERS GOD. Faith pleases Him. **“Without faith it is impossible to please God”** (Hebrews 11: 6). So faith pleases God and causes Him to come upon the scene of our need with His rewards in His hands.

Hebrews 11: 6 continues: **“He that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”** God is a rewarder!

Look at the sequence before us.

First, Jairus came to Jesus.

Then Jairus believed Jesus.

And as Jairus believed Jesus, he saw his believing REWARDED.

The devil wanted to keep Jairus from receiving God's reward by getting him to use his believing to develop FEAR, rather than develop his FAITH and release it to God. The devil knew that fear would rob Jairus of believing that God is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. But his faith would bring God's reward.

Always remember, YOUR FAITH IN
GOD ALWAYS BRINGS HIS

REWARDS TO YOU. God is a good God and He is *always* a good God.

Surround Yourself With Believers... Not Doubters

Jairus was determined to keep believing only; therefore, fear never got into his spirit. However, when he arrived at his house, the people of doubt and fear were there too. (The devil's crowd is always around.) They poked fun at Jairus for bringing Jesus and for believing that with Jesus on the scene, IT IS NEVER TOO LATE!

They laughed with scorn when Jesus started to call the girl back to life. They laughed because they were afraid of the power of Jesus.

Did Jesus get upset? I'll say He did. The Bible says He put the doubters out of the room. He cleared the place of all

unbelievers and took only Jairus and his wife and His believing disciples to the child's bedside. He cleansed the place of fear and filled it with the faith of believers. And immediately their faith set in motion the healing power of Jesus.

“Little one,” Jesus said, “arise!” St. Luke says, **“And her spirit came again, and she arose straightway: and he commanded to give her something to eat.”**

It was a miracle!

The healings by Jesus today and the healing of Jairus' little girl by Jesus 2,000 years ago are linked together by a single force—FAITH. The very same faith. A miracle is the result of somebody BELIEVING ONLY.

Things haven't changed.

The devil still tries to fill you with

fear, and Jesus is still near to tell you to BELIEVE ONLY.

Jesus' power still works miracles as we DO SOMETHING with our faith.

God is still a RE WARDER of you and me when we believe Him only.

God's Word says it and it is so! Today! Right where you are this instant!

When you allow your faith to take hold of the promises of God, then God's mighty power of life surges into action in your behalf and you are liberated from fear. God is glorified in your faith which brings the miracle you need.

I Want To Pray For You

Dear Lord Jesus, I speak in Your Name and the authority of Your Name! I honor Your Name, which the Bible

says is above everything that is named in this world and the world to come.

And now, dear friend, with my BELIEVING ONLY I come against the fear the devil is trying to bring into your heart. I come to put my faith with your faith. I come against your sickness. I command the devil to stop robbing you financially. I resist the devil's saying it's too late for God to deliver you. And I ask God to help you to do something, which is to stop fear by believing only. I ask for God to bless you and that you will be made a blessing. And I believe only and expect a miracle. In Jesus' Name. Amen and amen.

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