

When God Seems Too Late

Mark 5: 35-43

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Verse 35

Jairus receives horrible news

***“Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher
any further?”***

A heart-sinking moment!

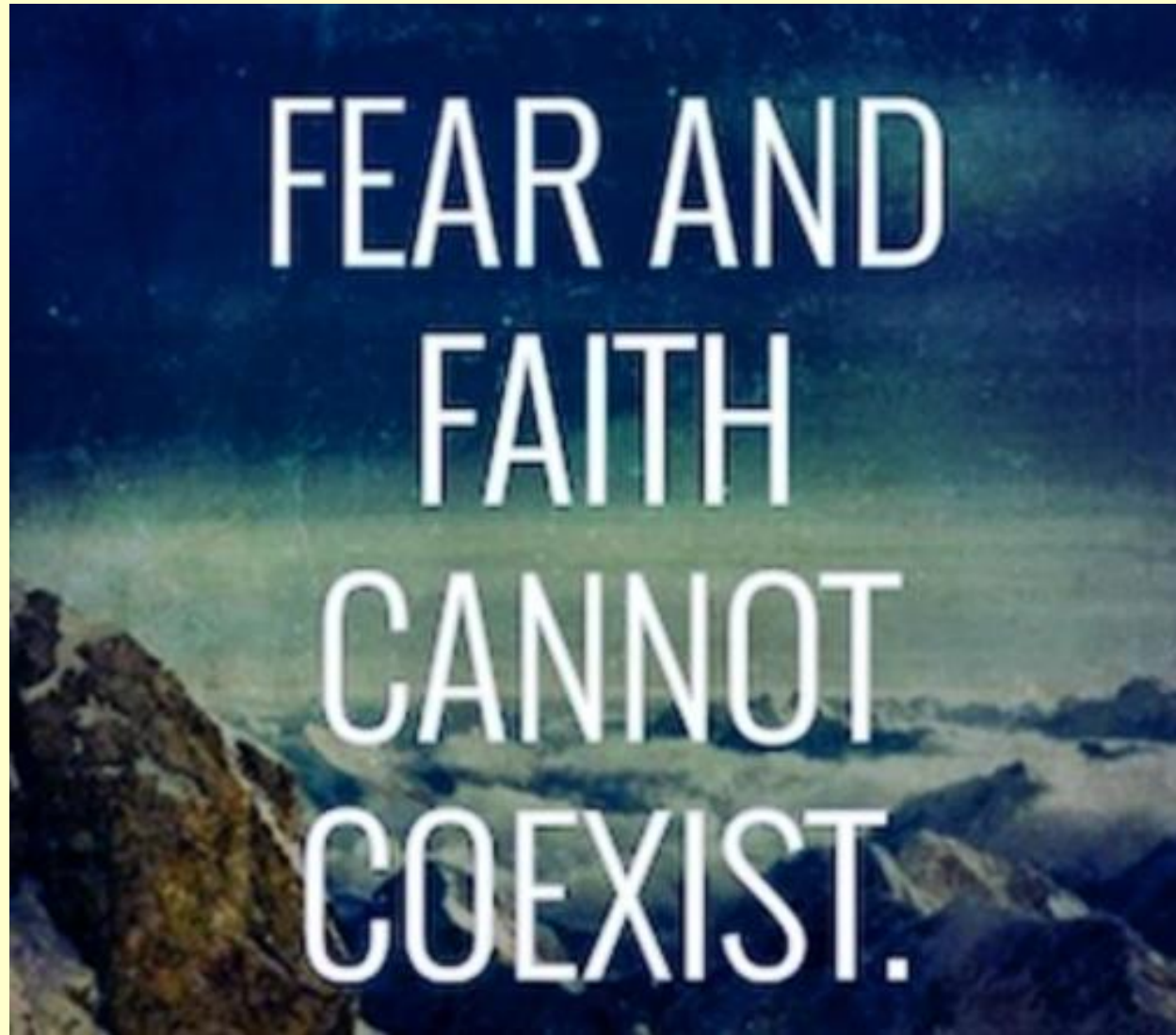
Words that paralyze you and crush you!

Verse 36 - 37

“Do not be afraid; only believe”

Afraid = “*phobeo*” = terrified, horrid

Jesus gives us the antidote for the fear curse – *ONLY BELIEVE!*



When Jesus is present, fear cannot take root!

Notice I say take root – fear will try to barge its way in

Faith and fear are not compatible roommates

Fear can try to make inroads, may come for a moment, but cannot stay!

Jesus has instructed Jairus to “*only believe*”; Jesus has instructed you to “*only believe*”

Jesus NEVER coddled unbelief, NEVER!

A person may temporarily doubt, wonder why, be confused, or lapse into fear or worry, *but not live there!*

Jairus needs to beat back his fear by trusting in Jesus – ***SO DO WE!***

“FAITH FEEDS ON
THE PROMISES OF
GOD.”

Verse 38 - 40

Jesus enters a wild scene

Jesus runs into the chaos of death

Death is dirty, death is strange, death is an enemy because death came with sin and rebellion against God

SIMPLY – Rebellion against God brings death!

Jesus enters the scene and makes a statement:

“The child is not dead, but sleeping”

In the mind of Jesus, this girl is already healed – a done deal, a fait accompli

Fait-accompl

Meaning: An accomplished fact or a decision that is irreversible.

Definition: A thing that has already happened or been decided before those affected hear about it, leaving them with no option but to accept.

The blow back: “. . . *they ridiculed Him.*” They laughed at Him
and continued to laugh at Him

Jesus, with authority, “*put them all outside*”

“*ekballo*” = to cast out forcefully!

There are times when you need a bump, a hope dose, negative
nellies out

There are those who are fountains and those who are drains;
negativity is toxic to the human mind

In your time of needing a bump, turn to those who know where
you are – 2 Corinthians 1: 3-4

Verse 41 - 42

The miracle – Jesus was right on time

God is never
late and
never early;
He is always
right on
time.



It looked like Jesus was late, BUT, Jesus was right on time!

Jesus speaks, *“Little girl, I say to you, arise.”*

This is Jesus' God power on display

The wow factor for all in the room,

“And they were overcome with great amazement”

Verse 43

Keep it to yourself

What is happening around Jesus for Him to come to this conclusion?

Think about the crowds following Jesus for healing diseases

Masses would come from far and wide for Jesus to start a raising-from-the-dead ministry

Raising the dead and healing was NOT His main mission

An eternal focus, salvation, was His main mission!

Closing

**The fear of death drives us and what
we can do about it**

Mankind's Immortality Project:

Diets, health club memberships, vitamin crazes, watch your B/P and your cholesterol, and on it goes

In the extreme, transhumanism, brain uploading and cryonics; anything to live forever, **MY WAY!**

God's Immortality Project:

God's immortality project involved sending Himself to become one of us, to live a perfect life, die a criminal's death, and pay my sin debt

Now that is love!! Demonstrated love, agape love!

My job is to believe and receive the gift of salvation, the gift of eternal life, offered by God to **all!**

When you do this, the last great enemy, **DEATH**, in your life is destroyed – **1 Corinthians 15: 55**

God's immortality project is the only one that works!

Because of Jesus dying for me

I know that I know

I'M GONNA LIVE FOREVER!

I'm gonna live forever
I'm gonna die, no never
Jesus died on a tree for me
And I'm gonna live forever