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“DO NOT BE AFRAID NOR CRY BECAUSE IT IS NOT DEAD”

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Scripture reading: **Luke 8:40-42 & 49-55**

40 So it was, when Jesus returned, that the multitude welcomed Him, for they were all waiting for Him. 41 And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, 42 for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. 49 While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher." 50 But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well." 51 When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. 52 Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping." 53 And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. 54 But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise." 55 Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat.

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Luke 7:11-15 NKJV

11 Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. 12 And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. 13 When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." 14 Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." 15 So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother.

The bible teaches us that the only daughter of this servant Jairus was dying, clearly this man knew that Jesus was around the city. The bible says this man went to where Jesus was and



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invited Jesus to come to his place to deliver his daughter who was about to die. The bible says the place where Jesus was, was overcrowded. Remember that it was during the time of this overcrowding when the woman who was bleeding for so many years came and touched the garment of Jesus. This woman delayed Jesus to go to Jairus's house because after he was touched he stopped after realizing that power had been withdrawn from him. But what I have learned here is that Jesus is never too late, because if can remember when his best friend Lazarus was sick he remained where he was for two days until the man died and it was only after the death that Jesus Christ told his disciples to go with Him to visit Lazarus where he had been buried.

After studying these books I realise that indeed there is a time that Jesus will be delayed, I realise that indeed there is a time that Jesus will keep quiet for a moment. But I want to encourage you tonight that there is a purpose why Jesus is delaying in that situation of yours. The bible tells us that as they were still standing a servant from Jairus's house came and delivered a message to him that his daughter was already dead and the servant told him to stop bothering the pastor. I am sure that most of us have been told all those kinds of words, people who are closest to us telling us that our situations can no longer be healed, people telling us that what we are going through there is no solution. Many people have discouraged us so many times. Many people say these with confidence and they will convince you to make you believe that what you are going through is not possible.

The bible says when Jesus arrived to Jairus's house he found many people gathered there crying for the dead child but he requested them to stop crying because the child was not dead, that she was just asleep but after saying it people laughed at him trying to discourage him. They mocked him. Sometimes people will mock you and laugh at you trying to discourage you but what you have to do is to allow God to work in His time because God's time is the right time. The bible says in the house of Jairus there was a multitude of people who witnessed the death of that child.

I want to encourage you tonight that do not be afraid, do not cry because it is not dead. The word of God says after Jesus had seen the faith of those people and after they had laughed at Him he entered the house and never allowed anyone to enter the house except the parents,



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Peter, John together with Peter. The bible says when he entered the house he did not make a prayer but he just hold the hand of that child and commanded her to wake up and her spirit was restored because she was not dead but just asleep.

In Genesis 18 God appeared to Abraham because He knew what Abraham was looking for, what he lacked, what he was in need of. The bible says when God in the form of the three men visited Abraham's house, God told him that his wife Sarah as old as she was she will give birth to a baby boy.

Luke 1 (Zechariah s story) we see a similar scenario. God told Zechariah that He was going to have a child.

God will appear in that situation you are facing. It does not matter how long it takes or how many years you have been struggling or what the doctors have said about your situation but Jesus will one day appear in your situation.

In **Luke 7:** When this woman was left alone after her only son who was her whole life died. The bible says her son was the only thing that she was left with but when Jesus saw her He was merciful to her and by just touching the coffin the life of that boy was restored. We read that this young man was already dead and people had already given up and the only thing that they were thinking about was that we are going to bury him in his grave. The bible says even though people had given up and when people thought that there was no life in that young man Jesus woke the young man up and he restored life again. The bible says that no matter what Jairus was doing at church the bible tells us that he forgot about his position and he knelt down before Jesus and pleaded to Him to come and heal His daughter. The bible says Jesus looked at this man and He could see the faith in this man and He decided that He will heal her daughter.

There are people who are dying in this life. A person walking, coming to church every Sunday but there is no life in them, people are walking dead not aware that they are dead. Jesus is saying do not cry, do not be afraid for it does not matter if people have buried you, it does not matter if people have buried your situation or how many years you have been in that situation



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but Jesus is waiting for someone to touch them. Someone can say it in their heart that lord I need your touch and if He touches you, your life will never be the same.

You know what is dead in your life, it might not be what you can share with other people but deep in your heart you know it and if you cry to God and ask Him to bless you and if you ask for His touch He will touch you. It does not matter what people say but what matters is that it is possible with God.

Women`s womb are being removed nowadays, they are undergoing operations and are having their wombs removed and by doing that the devil is happy because they have killed the servants of God in them. That prophet that was supposed to be born by that woman is killed before they are born. There was a certain woman who was diagnosed with cancer of the womb and when I wanted to pray for her she refused and weeks later I heard that she had been operated and that her womb had been removed.

It needs someone who can stand and ask God, God I want to be in your presence, for there is healing in His presence. There was a centurion of Capernaum who had a sick servant, and he sent for Jesus to be called so he can deliver his servant but when Jesus was approaching his house, he requested Jesus not to come to his house but to just say a word and he believed that all would be well and because he had that faith his faith delivered him.

It is my wish and prayer that this word can change someone`s life and encourage someone that it does not matter what you might be facing and how many failures you have come across or what you are going through but our God is able.

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