

Beauty in Boldness and Humility

Good morning Church,

Who is here to worship God this morning?

Who is here to love on your brothers and sisters this morning?

Who is here to learn about Jesus this morning?

Who is going to put all this into practice Monday thru Saturday?

As we spend time together this morning I would like you to look for the answers to four questions.

1. Can you be Bold/Confident and humble at the same time?
2. Where does your faith come from?
3. Who is the hero of the story?
4. How do we gain more faith?

Yes we're going to talk about FAITH and yes I'm sure that you have all heard many sermons on this subject. Today we are going to talk about faith on steroids.

Faith is a gift from God. It's not something that we as humans have naturally or something that we in ourselves can build so that we can boast. Faith is something that God builds in us by studying and hearing His Word, by spending time in prayer, and by worshiping our Lord. Faith is something that the Holy Spirit adds to our lives that we can exercise and grow to please God and to enrich our walk. Without faith how could it be possible to have hope, or peace or joy?

Hebrews 11:6

⁶And without faith it is **impossible** to please *Him*, for the one who comes to God must believe that He exists, and *that* He proves to be One who rewards those who seek Him.

Who brought your Bibles this morning?

Please turn to Matthew 9:18-26

¹⁸While He was saying these things to them, behold, a *synagogue* official came and bowed down before Him, and said, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay Your hand on her, and she will become alive again.” ¹⁹Jesus got up *from the table* and *began to* accompany him, along with His disciples.

²⁰And behold, a woman who had been suffering from a hemorrhage for twelve years came up behind Him, and touched the border of His cloak; ²¹for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch His cloak, I will get well.” ²²But Jesus, turning and seeing her, said, “Daughter, take courage; your faith has made you well.” And at once the woman was made well.

²³When Jesus came into the official’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd in noisy disorder, ²⁴He said, “Leave; for the girl has not died, but is asleep.” And they *began* laughing at Him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been sent out, He entered and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶And this news spread throughout that land.

Do you remember when we talked about the paralyzed man the a few Sundays ago?

What did he and the four men that carried him have? FAITH

It seems like that if Jesus put so much care into teaching us about faith and if faith is written about so often as we read through Matthew and throughout the Bible that we ought to spend some time on the subject. Do you all agree?

Would you all please turn to [Luke 8:40-42](#)

⁴⁰ And as Jesus was returning, the people welcomed Him, for they had all been waiting for Him. ⁴¹ And a man named Jairus came, and he was an official of the synagogue; and he fell at Jesus' feet, and *began* urging Him to come to his house; ⁴² for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, and she was dying. But as He went, the crowds were pressing against Him.

Jesus was returning from the other side of the sea of Galilee in the region of the Gerasenes (Gair uh seenz) where he had just cured the demon possessed man. This was a contrast for Jesus as he was just asked to leave there and is now being welcomed here.

Who is Jairus, the passage here says that Jairus was an official of the synagogue. But what was his position, what did he do, and what was his prominence.

Jairus was remarkable, He was a respected synagogue leader who had amazing humility. He was not a priest but was a highly respected leader. He had the responsibility of what an executive pastor would be in today's day and age. He would have been in charge of organizing worship services, choosing scripture readers, choosing the teaching, maintaining order. He would have been in charge of admin and been in charge of maintenance for the building. He would have been highly respected, wealthy, educated, and popular.

Jairus was a man who had good character and stood potentially alone when it came to his actions. See most of the men he was close to and worked with and those who he worshiped with would have been **ANTI JESUS**. They were looking for Jesus to screw up and were criticizing Him at every turn.

So for Jairus to stand apart and not only “urge” Which in the Greek language is parakaleo which means to beg, implore, or appeal with deep emotion. But then he did the unthinkable and fell on his knees at Jesus’ feet. What would his colleagues think? Would he be ridiculed? Would he be shunned?

Is it always popular to speak Jesus in the world that we live in today? Are there going to be times that we might be ridiculed or shunned? Where is your character, where is your integrity? I ask myself and ask God that question every day. Do you have silent faith or bold faith? Do you have Giant defeating faith or small faith? Be a Jairus and stand for or should I say kneel for Jesus no matter who is watching, no matter what you might suffer, no matter who rejects you or what is said. Do you fall on your knees knowing that He is with you or are you worried about what others might think? Are you coming to the alter when you or somebody you know needs prayer? Are you bold and uninhibited when we worship on Sunday morning with no worry about what the consequences might be? Live to speak His name. Live to spread His love. Live a devoted life. Be unafraid. Be bold.

But that was then and this is now right? Is Jesus different? Has He changed with the times? Is He swayed by who the president is or by what the news says?

Hebrews 13:6-8

6 “So that we confidently say,

‘THE LORD IS MY HELPER, I WILL NOT BE AFRAID.

WHAT WILL MAN DO TO ME?’

7 Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith.

8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

NO He has never changed and NEVER WILL He is still the Creator of the universe, the Alpha and Omega, and His love for you has never changed or faded no matter what you have done in your life or what you will do.

So when YOU fall on your knees and urge Him He is there. He always has been and always will be. He hears your EVERY PRAYER.

1 John 5:14–15

14 "This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."

15 "And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him."

What does that mean, what does that take? FAITH and that's what Jairus had FAITH that's why when he urged Jesus to heal his daughter he already knew she would be.

Now comes one of the most beautiful interruptions ever recorded.

Luke 8:43–48

43 "And a woman who had a hemorrhage for twelve years, and could not be healed by anyone,

44 came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His cloak, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped.

First of all who is this woman? Physically she was in terrible shape. She would have had severe anemia which would have given her pale skin, and massive brain fog. She would have been cold all of the time. (at least she would have had a reason to have cold hands unlike my wife's frigid hands that send me to the moon when she touches me. She's the reason I have heart issues).

She would have been exhausted constantly and would have had severe tachycardia spells. She would have been ill often due to being compromised by infection and depleted from blood loss.

She would have had very low blood pressure and would have felt lightheaded and may have had times that she fainted which in itself would have been dangerous.

Mentally and emotionally would have been even worse. She would have been shunned, disgraced, and belittled every time she went out. Told she was unclean and would have had little to no social life whatsoever for 12 years. 4,380 days. That people may have literally run from her, she would have longed for nothing more than a hug or any touch and not been able to.

Leviticus 15:25-27 paints the full picture of what the law concerning what this would have been like for her. However we will not be reading that due to young ears.

Leviticus 15:27

"Likewise, whoever touches them shall be unclean and shall wash his clothes and bathe in water and be unclean until evening."

Why go so much in depth of what this woman would have went through?

Because what may have seemed impossible for her or for others that knew her wasn't impossible for Jesus.

Because where people treated her poorly, Jesus treated her with compassion.

Where doctors failed, Jesus healed.

Because where she was unclean, Jesus made her clean.

Because when she had faith to reach out her hand, Jesus took it.

I'm going to read that again but in other words.

When you see something as impossible, nothing is impossible for Jesus.

When you are treated poorly, He has compassion

When you are sick of whatever it may be, Jesus heals

When your sin makes you dirty, Jesus washes your sins away

And when you reach out your hand, Jesus is always there to take it.

45 And Jesus said, 'Who is the one who touched Me?' And while they were all denying it, Peter said, 'Master, the people are crowding and pressing in on You.'

46 But Jesus said, 'Someone did touch Me, for I was aware that power had gone out of Me.'

How many people were touching Jesus, I suppose that many of them needed healing. So why her? Why did she get noticed? HER FAITH !!!

First of all was it Jesus' cloak that had power...of course not.

Does this mean that Jesus lost power? Let me explain it this way
subtracting from infinity still leaves infinity

His power is infinite because He is God.

47 When the woman saw that she had not escaped notice, she came trembling and fell down before Him, and declared in the presence of all the people the reason why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed.

48 And He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.'

This is the only time in the New Testament that Jesus calls anyone daughter.

Just like the paralyzed man being the only time that Jesus calls anyone son.

BOTH TIMES HE WAS TENDER AND COMPASSIONATE. It was to two people who had not known tenderness or compassion. BOTH TIMES THEY HAD AMAZING FAITH.

Luke 8:49–55

49 While He was still speaking, someone came from the house of the synagogue official, saying, "Your daughter has died; do not trouble the Teacher anymore."

Remember where the “story” began? Where do you think Jairus’ head and heart were at this point?

Devastated

Broken

Lost

Destroyed

But Jesus is about to change all of that in one statement...

50 But when Jesus heard this, He answered him, "Do not be afraid any longer; only believe (have faith), and she will be made well."

Was Jesus “rattled” by the news that she had died? NO He wasn’t and He’s not rattled by what’s going on in your life.

What do you think He might say to you? Maybe DON’T BE AFRAID, ONLY BELIEVE.

51 When He came to the house, He did not allow anyone to enter with Him, except Peter and John and James, and the girl's father and mother.

52 Now they were all weeping and lamenting for her; but He said, "Stop weeping, for she has not died, but is asleep."

This is just like Jesus, not to draw attention to himself in the miracles that he preformed. Not to deal with drama, see in first century Judaism people were paid to mourn and wail at funerals. They made a public spectacle of a sad situation.

Jesus being God simply said Stop weeping. From their prospective the story was over. Luke already told us that she died, Jairus knew that she had died, Jesus knew that she had died, but Jesus has authority over death.

53 And they began laughing at Him, knowing that she had died.

54 He, however, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Child, arise!"

55 And her spirit returned, and she got up immediately; and He gave orders for something to be given her to eat.

So many times the Bible states that someone did something immediately

When Peter and Andrew left their nets and followed.

When James and John left their boat and followed

When Matthew followed

When the paralyzed man picked up his pallet

When Phillip got up and went south

When Joseph went to Bethlehem

Faith doesn't hum and ha, faith is active, faith is exercised like a muscle it only gets stronger when you use it.

Pray for faith, work on the faith that He gives you, and obey Him immediately to exercise and prove that faith.

Remember the questions I asked you a couple of hours ago? Haha

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PRAY