

MATTHEW 9:18 – A GIRL RESTORED TO LIFE!

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Mat 9:18-19 While He spoke these things to them, behold, a ruler came and worshiped Him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay Your hand on her and she will live." [19] So Jesus arose and followed him, and so did His disciples. (also given in Mark 5:22-34 & Luke 8:41-56)

FOLLOWING A SERIES OF MIRACLES, NOW WE HAVE A GIRL RESTORED TO LIFE!:

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- While He spoke these things to them:
- Jesus had just invited Levi (Matthew) to be one of His disciples
- Jesus had come to a table in the house and with His disciples sat down with Matthew, tax collectors and sinners.
- The Pharisees asked why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?
- Jesus answered and said that those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. He further said that He did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.
- Then Jesus was questioned about fasting. He answered them.....While He spoke these things to them:

behold, a ruler came

- Came to Jesus "**behold, a ruler** (Jairus) **came**
- A certain ruler – (*arkon* - one in charge of a synagogue) There were two officers in the synagogue, **chazan ha-ceneseth**, the bishop or overseer of the congregation; and **rosh ha-ceneseth**, the **head or ruler** of the congregation. The chazan takes the book of the Law, and gives it to the rosh, or ruler; and he appoints who shall read the different sections, etc. Jairus, who is the person intended here, was, in this latter sense, **the ruler or governor of one of the synagogues**, probably at Capernaum. See Mar 5:22; Luk 8:41.

and worshiped Him,

- **Worshiped Him** - They that would receive mercy from Christ must give honor to Christ! "**worshiped Him**" ("fell at His feet").
- The ruler's address to Christ, Mat 9:18. A ruler, a ruler of the synagogue, *came and worshiped him. Have any of the rulers believed on him?*
- Yes, here was one, a church ruler, whose faith condemned the unbelief of the rest of the rulers. This ruler had a little daughter, of twelve years old, had just died. This family tragedy made upon his family was the occasion of his coming to Christ.
- In trouble we should certainly come to God: the death of our relations should drive us to Christ, who is our life; it is well if anything will do it. When affliction is in our families, we **must not sit down astonished**, but, **as Job, (Job 1:20 Then Job arose, tore his robe, and shaved his head; and he fell to the ground and worshiped**
- We see **his humility in this address to Christ**. He came in his great hour of need to **Christ himself**, and **did not send his servant**.
- It was no disparagement to the greatest rulers, personally to come and make his fervent request to the Lord Jesus. **He worshipped Him, bowed the knee to Him**, and gave Him **all imaginable respect**.

saying, "My daughter has just died,

- His faith in this address; "*My daughter has just died!*"
- Though any other physician would now come too late. – nothing more absurd than *medicine after death*).
- Yet Christ comes never too late; He is a Physician after death, for He is *the resurrection and the life*;

but come and lay Your hand on her and she will live."

- This was quite an unbelievable miracle, far above the power of nature - *life once lost cannot be restored*), yet within the power of Christ, who has *life in Himself, and raised from the dead whom He will*.
- Now Christ works in a seemingly ordinary way, *by nature and not against it*.
- Therefore, we cannot in faith bring Him such a request as this; while there is life, there is hope, and room for prayer; but when our friends are dead, the case is determined; *we shall go to them, but they shall not return to us*.
- But while Christ was here upon earth working miracles, such a confidence as this was **not only allowable but very commendable**.

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- The **readiness and willingness of Christ to comply with his request, Mat 9:19**. Jesus immediately *arose*, left His company, *and followed him*;
- He was not only willing **to grant him what he desired, in raising his daughter to life, but to gratify him so far as to come to his house to do it.**
- Surely *He never said to the seed of Jacob, Seek you Me in vain*. He denied to go along with the nobleman, who said, *Sir, come down, before my child dies (John 4:49)*, yet He went along with the ruler of the synagogue, who said, *Sir, come down, and my child shall live*.
- The variety of methods which Christ took in working His miracles is perhaps to be attributed to the different frame and temper of mind which they were in who applied to Him, which he *who searches the heart* perfectly knew, and accommodated Himself to. He knows what is in man, and what course to take with him. And observe, when *Jesus followed him, so did His disciples*, whom He had chosen for His constant companions; it was not for state, or that He might come with observation, that He took His attendants with Him, but that they might be the witnesses of His miracles, who were hereafter to be the preachers of His doctrine.

SUMMARY: What to do in times of great, great need?

"My daughter has just died, but come and lay Your hand on her and she will live."

- **Beg, plead with expectancy!!** ("come, lay Your hands on her and she shall live!")
- **So Jesus responded!!** (*So Jesus arose and followed him and so did His disciples!*)
- First, **come into the presence of God** - he came unto Him.
- Secondly, **humble yourself sincerely before God** - he fell down before Him - at His feet. Mar 5:22.
- Thirdly, **lay open your wants, your needs, with a holy earnestness** - he besought Him greatly. Mar 5:23.
- Fourthly, **have unbounded confidence and expectancy in the power and goodness of Christ that your request shall be granted** – lay Your hand upon her, and she will live.
- **If Your will be done!**
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"Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior – Frances J. Crosby

1. Pass me not, O gentle Savior, Hear my humble cry; While on others Thou art calling, Do not pass me by.
 - Refrain:
Savior, Savior, Hear my humble cry, While on others Thou art calling, Do not pass me by.
2. Thou the spring of all my comfort, More than life to me, Whom have I on earth beside Thee, Whom in Heav'n but Thee. (Refrain – 2X)

10,000 REASONS – BLESS THE LORD! - Redman

*Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul, Worship His Holy name. Sing like never before, Oh my soul. I'll worship Your Holy name
The sun comes up. It's a new day dawning. It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass And whatever lies before me, Let me be singing When the evening comes
Bless the Lord oh my soul Oh my soul, Worship His Holy name. Sing like never before, Oh my soul. I'll worship Your Holy name
You're rich in love And You're slow to anger. Your name is great And Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, Ten thousand reasons For my heart to find
Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul. Worship His Holy name. Sing like never before, Oh my soul. I'll worship Your Holy name. Bless You
Lord
And on that day, When my strength is failing, The end draws near And my time has come.
Still my soul will Sing Your praise unending, Ten thousand years And then forevermore. Forevermore
Bless the Lord oh my soul Oh my soul, Worship His Holy name. Sing like never before, Oh my soul I'll worship Your Holy name. (2X)
I'll worship Your Holy name Jesus I will worship Your Holy name, Sing like never before Oh my soul I'll worship your holy name*

SAT MORN PRAYER GUIDELINES:

We all want to receive **instruction from the teaching in Biblical prayers and for the prayer time be effective, being led by the Holy Spirit.** To that end:

- Please be on time at 6:30am to receive the blessings of the weekly prayers in the Bible.
- If you are late, **simply agree in prayer and refrain from praying** in group prayer and **wait until the small group** prayer time.
- Those who pray aloud during the prayer meeting portion, **please keep the prayers short (2-3 minutes)** praying as led by the Holy Spirit. There is only about a 30 minute period for 15 or so to pray.
- **Intercessory prayer** (church, country, leaders) **during group time; personal prayer** during small group time.
- **Welcome times of silence** during the group prayer time as **we wait on the Holy Spirit.**