

## She Only Sleeps

### Scripture:

Mark 5:21-24 “Now when Jesus had crossed over again by boat to the other side, a great multitude gathered to Him; and He was by the sea. <sup>22</sup>And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him, he fell at His feet <sup>23</sup>and begged Him earnestly, saying, “My little daughter lies at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live.” <sup>24</sup>So Jesus went with him, and a great multitude followed Him and thronged Him.”

Mark 5:35-43 “While He was still speaking, some came from the ruler of the synagogue’s house who said, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?” <sup>36</sup>As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, “**Do not be afraid; only believe.**” <sup>37</sup>And He permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. <sup>38</sup>Then He came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and saw a tumult and those who wept and wailed loudly. <sup>39</sup>When He came in, He said to them, “**Why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but sleeping.**” <sup>40</sup>And they ridiculed Him. But when He had put them all outside, He took the father and the mother of the child, and those who were with Him, and entered where the child was lying. <sup>41</sup>Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, “**Talitha, cumi,**” which is translated, “**Little girl, I say to you, arise.**” <sup>42</sup>Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years of age. And they were overcome with great amazement. <sup>43</sup>But He commanded them strictly that no one should know it, and said that something should be given her to eat.”

### Introduction:

We all go through times when it seems that all hope is gone. Our dreams have been shattered, things have not turned out the way we envisioned, and there appears to be no way of recovery in the natural. But with God, all things are possible. If we’ve served God for any length of time, we’ve found Him to be faithful in the most difficult of times. God comes in at times like this and declares that things are not as dead as they seem, but only asleep. God has shown us the steps to complete recovery at times like these.

### I. We must get desperate.

- A. Put aside all other activities and get in the presence of Jesus.
- B. Jairus has to leave his ailing daughter’s bedside to go get Jesus.
- C. Because God never allows us to be tempted above that which we are able, faith arrives from the Holy Spirit to propel us to go forward.

### II. Don’t observe the natural hindrances to our faith but put your confidence in God.

Hebrews 11:1-6 “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. <sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks. <sup>5</sup>By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, “and was not found, because God had taken him”; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God. <sup>6</sup>But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”

- A. They tried to discourage Jairus with the report that his daughter was dead.
- B. Many people around us give up all hope that we can make it through.
  1. Remember Job’s wife. Why don’t you just curse God and die.
  2. Job’s answer: You talk like a foolish woman.

3. Don't be discouraged when people give up on you.

Romans 8:31-32 *"What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?"*

- C. Jesus is a life-giver. He is not hindered by the sentence of death.

### III. No flesh can be allowed into a life-giving situation.

Matthew 7:6-11 *"Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you. <sup>7</sup>Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: <sup>8</sup>For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. <sup>9</sup>Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? <sup>10</sup>Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? <sup>11</sup>If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?"*

- A. No one is allowed to come with Jesus except those of faith.
- B. The mockers and unbelievers are put out. Don't listen to the words of doubt or the nay sayers.
- C. Only those it concerns are allowed into the place of miracles.
- D. Notice the difference between the stage of a Benny Hinn crusade and a fault-finding television studio.

### IV. Provide nourishment for the miracle of life or restoration.

- A. Talk faith.

Romans 4:17b *"even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were."*

- B. Build on the faith that you have.

Mark 9:23-24 *"Jesus said unto him, **If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.** <sup>24</sup>And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief."*

- C. Practice faith.

Mark 11:22-24 *"And Jesus answering saith unto them, **Have faith in God.** <sup>23</sup>For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. <sup>24</sup>Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."*

1. Keep your eyes open for mountains to speak to.
2. The circumstances are not hopeless, your faith is not dead, it just sleeps.