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When our back is against the wall...

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- Luke 8:40 And it came to pass, that, when Jesus was returned, the people *gladly* received him: for they were all waiting for him.
- Luke 8:41 And, behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue: and he fell down at Jesus' feet, and besought him that he would come into his house:
- Luke 8:42 For he had one only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she lay a dying. But as he went the people thronged him.
- Luke 8:43 And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any,
- Luke 8:44 Came behind *him*, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanchèd.
- Luke 8:45 And Jesus said, Who touched me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the multitude throng thee and press *thee*, and sayest thou, Who touched me?
- Luke 8:46 And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me.
- Luke 8:47 And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared unto him before all the people for what cause she had touched him, and how she was healed immediately.
- Luke 8:48 And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.
- Luke 8:49 While he yet spake, there cometh one from the ruler of the synagogue's *house*, saying to him, Thy daughter is dead; trouble not the Master.
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- Luke 8:52 And all wept, and bewailed her: but he said, Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth.
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Luke 8:56 And her parents were astonished: but he charged them that they should tell no man what was done.

The last several weeks at different times, we have talked about some of the events that happened in and around Capernaum. This is one of the events that happened. A few ago, we talked about Jesus gets on a boat with His disciples. They start across the sea and there was a storm. We know that He is asleep in the ship. They think they are going to drown. They go and wake Him up and He speaks peace to the storm and everything is fine.

They get to the other side and a week or so ago, I talked about who met Him. The demoniacs, the guys that were terrorizing the area of Gadara. They were running through the area over there. They were naked. They were cutting themselves with stones. They lived in the tombs. We know that Jesus just commanded the demons, the devils that were in these guys to come out. We know that they did. We know that the demons go into the hogs and they run into the sea. Those that took care of the hogs go into town and tell the people what has happened. They all come out and see these guys that were crazy and lunatics. They were completely mad. The Bible says that they were sitting at the feet of Jesus clothed in their right mind. We know that they asked Jesus to leave. When they saw what had happened they asked Jesus, please just get out of here. We know that is what He did. We know that one of the guys that was there asked Him, I want to go with you. I want to be with you. Jesus said, no, go back to your own home and tell them how great things God has done for you.

Now the portion I read to you tonight is that He gets on a ship. He is on the eastern side of the Sea of Galilee. He gets back on the ship. He goes back to the western side, over to the area of Capernaum. When He gets here the crowd meets Him. The Bible says here, when He returned in verse 40; they gladly received Him for they were waiting for Him. They were looking for Him. So, they had been looking for Him. They were waiting for Him to come back.

The thought I want to talk about tonight is this, in life sometimes our back is against the wall. Have you ever been there? Sure, you have. If we would all be honest there have been times in our life that our back was against the wall. What that means is that there was nowhere else to go. We did all we could do. We have gone down every avenue that we knew and there was nothing else to do. Our back was against the wall. If you have never been there in life; there will be a time in your life that you will be and you will be against the wall. Your back will be against the wall. It will appear to you that there is no way out. It will appear to you that there is nothing you can do. In reality, a lot of

times there is nothing we can do in our own self. That is what I want to talk about tonight.

I want to talk about this guy, if I can; the Bible says that his name was Jairus. If we had time we could talk about his name but we won't do that tonight. The Bible says he is the ruler of the synagogue. What that means is that he was one of the overseers, he was one of the princes, he was one of the individuals that oversaw the synagogue or one of the synagogues that was in the area of Capernaum. This guy, no doubt, was a very well-known fellow. He was a guy that knew about the Old Testament scriptures. He knew a lot of things about the God of heaven but he has a problem and he has a serious problem. His back is against the wall. I want you to think about that just for a moment. His issue is this. He has a twelve-year-old daughter, the only daughter he has, dying.

Think about that just for a moment.

She is dying. When you read one of the other accounts the Bible says she is already dead. She is dying. Here he is with his back against the wall. I don't know how long she has been sick. I don't know what is wrong with her. I don't know what all has happened. I thought about this today. There are times in our life when death comes that the best doctors that we have can do nothing. Amen! There are times in our life when death comes that the smartest people we know can do nothing. There is no doubt in my mind that Jairus here has probably talked to all kinds of people. My daughter is sick. She needs help. We need help. He has probably talked to everybody. Pray for my daughter she needs help. No doubt, they probably did that. Do you know what? His back was against the wall. He had nowhere else to go. He was waiting on Jesus. He knew Jesus had been on the other side of the lake. He knew Jesus was going to come back to this area of Capernaum. There he was waiting on Him. Jesus gets out of the boat. The people are glad to see Him. However, here comes Jairus, the Bible tells us here.

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He tells Him, my only daughter; she is dying and I need your help.

There are times in life like that. There are times in life that are like that when our back is against the wall. There is nowhere else for us to go. No one else can help us. We ask people to pray. We ask people to help us. We ask people to do all kinds of things. We talk to doctors. We do all kinds of things. However, nothing helps. Our back is against the wall.

Here this man is, no doubt, he is a well-known fellow. He is probably a great guy. His daughter is dying. He absolutely can do nothing about it. Sometimes in life there are problems we can't fix. Sometimes there are problems that we can't do anything about.

If you have never been there, you will be one of these days. However, there are times like that.

Here is what I want to talk about.

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What the word thronged means is that the crowd was so great that they were pressing together. They were about to suffocate Him. They were about to squeeze the air out of Jesus. Everybody wanted to get to where He was at. Everybody wanted to see Him. They had heard about this healer. They had heard about this guy that was doing great things and healing the sick, curing lepers, and opening eyes. They had heard about this guy that was casting demons out of people and they wanted to get where He was at. That is a great place to be to get close to Jesus. They were.

He is starting towards Jairus' house. The multitudes are everywhere. Something happens. I want you to put yourself in Jairus' position. You are Jairus. You know your daughter is up the road here a short way dying. You know that you are talking to the man that can heal her. You are talking to the only hope that you have; that is in this person. All these people are everywhere.

Get this. These people had no idea probably, most of them didn't anyway; they didn't have any idea what was going on in Jairus' life. They probably did not have any idea, most of these people who were thronging Him. They had no idea what was going on in Jairus' life. They did not know his back was against the wall. They did not know his daughter was dying. Here you are. You want Him to get through the crowd. You want Him to hurry up. My daughter is dying and I need you to come now. We need to bypass all these other people and we need to get there because my daughter needs you and she needs you now.

Something happens. As they are moving along through the crowd, unannounced to Jairus and Peter and the rest of the gang, and all that was around. There was a little woman here. She had an issue for a long time. Do you know what she believed and she knew in heart? If she could just touch the hem of Jesus' garment she would be healed. She was going to take hold of the promises of the Word of God and she knew that she could touch the garment that she would be healed. She knew that.

Now you are Jairus now. Keep that in mind. You are him. When this little lady touches Jesus; Jesus stops. If you were Jairus, that is the last thing you want Jesus to do is stop. Truth! Do you know what Jesus knew? Jesus knew this lady had a problem that needed to be taken care of just like the little girl up the road had a problem that He was going to take care of. Amen!

Sometimes in life, we get impatient. Sometimes in life, we want God to hurry up. Sometimes in life; Lord, you know what is going on. You know I have done all I can do. My back is against the wall. Lord, I need you to act now. However, we never stop and consider the others that are hurting, the others that are sick. Sometimes we never stop and consider them. Probably Jairus didn't.

Probably if my only daughter would have been dying; I probably wouldn't have either. Nor, would have you. I want to get Him to her so she can live.

Here they are. The procession stops. Jairus knows I have to get Him there. I have to get Him there. They have a conversation. Jesus asked them, who touched me? Peter said, Lord, what are you talking about? Why are you asking who touched you because everybody is just crushing against you? He said, virtue or power has gone out of me. You are Jairus. You are probably thinking; would you please hurry up. Will you hurry up? I have to get Him to my daughter. She is dying. The Bible says...

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Jesus said, who touched me? That conversation, but after a while, when the little woman knew she was not hid; she came and she confessed the whole thing. I read to you what happened. Jesus said here...

Luke 8:48 And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.

Do you get that? Not only does Jesus care about my problems, but He cares about yours, and yours... Jesus Christ cares about our problems. Do you know what He doesn't always do? He does not always deal on my time table. He does not always do things on my time table. He does not always do things when I would like for Him to. Amen! I had to learn that over the years the hard way.

Patience is a hard thing for Christian people to learn. Amen! The only way we have patience is to have tribulation. The Bible says that tribulation brings patience. Patience brings experience; experience brings hope.

Here they are. Jesus says, daughter thy faith has made thee whole. You are whole. You are well. It says this here.

Luke 8:49 While he yet spake, there cometh one from the ruler of the synagogue's *house*, saying to him, Thy daughter is dead; trouble not the Master.

While Jesus is talking to the woman with the issue of blood, while he is finishing up this conversation; there is one that comes from Jairus' house and says there is no use to bother Him any longer. She is dead. She died. There is no use to bother Him any longer. There is no use to bring Him up here. She is dead. She is gone. You waited too long. You did not get here quick enough. You should have been here quicker. Now your daughter is gone.

How are you feeling if you are Jairus? How are you feeling if you are Jairus? I don't know how long this conversation took. Probably what happened here and the time that was spent here would not have made any difference; had He not stopped to do what He did. It would not have made a difference anyway. She is dead.

Here you are thinking in your mind all kinds of thoughts now. My daughter is dead. If I would have got Him sooner. If I would have come sooner. If he would have come sooner. If He had not of stopped, if He had not talked to her, if he had not healed her then my situation may have been better. You get all of this stuff rolling in your mind. When things don't happen the way we think they should happen, in life then that is what happens. We listen to all kinds of voices and 99.9% of the time it is the wrong voice. Do you know what the enemy always wants to do? when we want God to do something and God does not do it on our time table; the enemy will tell us all kinds of stuff. He does not care about you. If he had not been... He will tell you all kinds of stuff.

Here is the great thing about God. I want you to get this. If we are living the way that we should be living, when those times come, when our back is to the wall and there is nothing else we can do—do you know what happens? He will speak.

Get this. He cares about how you feel. He doesn't care about your pity parties. He doesn't care about them. He doesn't care about all the pity parties we have for ourselves. He doesn't care about those. When we are honestly and sincerely, with our backs to the wall and there is nothing else we can do, and we have come to get Him; I promise you when things may not work out at the time table we thought and the enemy is jumping on our backs and telling us he doesn't love you. He doesn't care about you. He will speak. He will encourage you. He will speak words of encouragement.

How many times in life, if you have been saved very long at all; there have been times in life when the kids were small, we didn't have any money. They might be sick half way through the night, or fever running and all kinds of things. If you have raised kids, at my age, you know that. Do you know what we do? We would pray. Do you know what God would do? God would show up. He would speak. He would bring peace. It does not mean that they quit vomiting at the time. It does not mean that their temperature dropped three or four degrees at the time. However, do you know what we saw? We saw God speak and we saw God change things.

Here He is going to speak. Jairus gets the news that his daughter is dead. I'd say it felt like somebody ripped his heart out of his chest. If you would have been Jairus, you would have thought the same thing.

Listen. If we are living the way we should be living, when our backs are to the wall; He will bring encouragement. Look what He did.

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In other words, when He heard that the little girl was dead; He speaks unto Jairus...

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Now there is a condition there. If this little girl is going to live there is a condition there that has to be met for her to live. That is what that says. Isn't that what that says? Believe. Believe, and if you will believe here...

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How do you feel now if you are Jairus? You just heard that your daughter is dead. You have got all this stuff running through your mind. You have all these crazy thoughts going through your mind. This fellow that you have come and you know He can raise the dead. You know He can do all this stuff. He just said to you, don't worry about it. I've got this. Don't worry. Fear not. I have got this. The only thing you need to do is simply believe me. That is what Jesus said.

Listen. In our lives, there will be times, when our back is to the wall; the only thing we can do is hold onto Him. I promise you this. Those times in life, you may feel like your heart is being rung out. You may feel that you don't know where you are going to go, what you are going to do. Your stomach may be churning. All kinds of things could be going on. However, when we believe Him, and when we get through this; we can look back and see. Through those times will be the greatest lessons that we ever learn about the God of heaven. He will teach us some things, if we will just believe. He will teach us some things, if we just believe Him.

Do you know what Jairus does? He believes Him. He believes Jesus. He knows his daughter is dead, but he believes Jesus anyway. It seems hopeless sometimes guys. However, when our back is towards the wall, the only thing we can do is simply believe Him.

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Luke 8:52 And all wept, and bewailed her: but he said, Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth.

They get to the house. There are all kinds of people around. They are weeping and wailing. Jesus said, hey guys don't worry about it. She is just taking a nap. She is just sleeping. Everything is fine. The Bible says they laughed Him to scorn. Have you lost your mind? You are crazy. You might be able to do all this stuff, but you are crazy. We know that she is dead. She is not sleeping. She was dead, but she was just sleeping. If you read the scriptures, death is compared to sleep many different times.

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I thought about this today. I thought about this many times over the years. You will read many times, when He took Peter, James and John and left the other nine outside. You will read many different times in scriptures that He took Peter, James and John and took them a little farther. They went a little farther. They got to see a lot of things that the other nine did not get to see. When you read the Bible do you know what you will find out? These guys the Lord Jesus used them in the building of the church and so did he with some of the others. However, there is no doubt that there is something about Peter, James and John that was very special. They had tremendous faith in the Lord. They knew who He was. Not that the other guys didn't but these guys were special to Him. They got to see some things here that the other guys did not get to see.

They took Him in. He goes in to where the girl is at. She is dead. He puts them all out. He says something simple. Jairus' heart is no doubt, broken. His wife is heartbroken. The family has lost their daughter. Jesus just reached down and takes her by the hand and says, hey, girl get up. "Maid, arise." Is what He says. Do you know what she does? She got up.

Do you know what He did not do? All He did was just reach down and take her by the hand and said get up. He did not strike His hands. He did not wave. He did not jump up and down. He did not anoint her. Did He? It did not say He did. He just spoke the word and she gets up. Amen! That is power.

The issues, the times, the problems we have in life that backs us into a corner, or backs us into a wall; the same power, the same One that raised that little from the dead on

that day, we have available to us. The same Jesus that dwells within us is the same One that raised her from the dead. The same Jesus that one day is coming and calling us and taking us home to be with Him; is the same Jesus that we have dwelling in us. The same One.

He gets her by the hand. She gets up. He says one more thing. Do you know what He says? Give her something to eat. Not only was Jesus concerned about her being dead, but He was also concerned about her being hungry. He is going to make sure she gets something to eat. Isn't that awesome? Do you know what that tells me? That tells me that He is not only concerned about a lot of different things in life but He is also concerned about our physical needs. He knew this little girl was hungry. He knew this little girl needed to eat. Do you know what He says? He said you parents make sure you give her something to eat.

I am going to say this. Life brings issues and problems. It did for Jairus. It will for you and me. There will be times in life that we have nowhere else to go. We talk to our best friends. We talk to the best prayer warriors we have got as we should. We go to the best doctors we have available to us as we should. However, there is One individual that we need to consult and His name is Jesus. Do you know what He will always do? He may not do things that way we would like to see things done. He may not do things on our time table. There may be all kinds of obstacles between the time we ask Him to come and when He gets there, as there was for Jairus. However, He has other things to do. However, He came at the right time.

Get this. He takes the little girl raises her up and said rise and get up. Give her something to eat. He said something to the parents. Don't tell nobody what happened here. You don't tell nobody what is going on here.

I thought about that today. Why in the world would Jesus make that statement? Why would He tell the parents not to tell anybody what had happened? But you know how that is. When you tell people not to tell something you might as well put it on channel three news. If you think people can keep secrets, you are wasting your time. That is not going to happen. If you want to keep something secret, you had better keep it to yourself. Okay.

Here is what happens. Jesus said don't tell anybody. I thought today. Do you know why He did that? He was still yet concerned about the little girl. Do you know what would have happened at this particular time if everybody knew that this little girl was raised from the dead? Of course, it got out. They would have aggravated her to death. They would have been people lined up around her house. CNN and Fox News and all of them would have been everywhere. How did that happen? CNN was not there then. But they would have aggravated her to death. People would have. CNN and NBC probably would have got it all wrong anyways. Just kidding.

We have a God that loves us. We have a God that cares about us. When our back is to the wall, we need to talk to Him. He will rescue us every time.

Come and pray—