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Mark 5. 35-43
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We move in the narrative from the woman with the blood issue back to Jarius and his fatally sick daughter. Jesus pauses to heal the woman, and we pick up with the parade as Jarius hears news that his child has died in the meantime.

- How would Jesus' sudden stop made Jarius feel?
- Sometimes God acts differently than we think he should.
- In the midst of illness, death, life, healing and heartache, we find the words in Isaiah 55 8-9 both challenging and encouraging.

Jesus' words to Jarius are to "not fear" and "have faith" Often easier said than done. But this is Jesus operating at the 20,000 foot level. As the girl is raised, and the crowds are amazed we can find a number of "take aways" from the story.

Seek Jesus

- Matthew 7. 7-8
- In the middle of the mess, he the only one who can make a difference.
- In Jesus the impossible is possible.

20,000 Foot View

- Remember his view. He is sovereign, but he is good.
- Jeremiah 29.11
- Jesus promises us hope and blessing. Sometimes now, but certainly in eternity.
- Jesus will widen our perspective of life.

Dispel Fear and Find Faith

- Jesus calls us away from fear and into trust.
- Mark 5. 36
- Jesus does not bury his head in the sand, and neither should we. Life can be hard and suffering is inevitable. Trusting Jesus through it will bring peace and joy. Where else will we find that?

Anticipate the Supernatural

- Luke 1.37
- God's in the business of changing the game, and providing the miracle.
- He's bringing hope now and in the future. We can ask for healing and hope now!

Jesus Brings New Life

- 2 Corinthians 5. 17

- This is what Jesus does. We should expect to find new life, even in the most trying of circumstances.

Discussion Questions

- Share a time you sought Jesus out like Jarius or the woman with the blood issue.
- When have you been thankful for God's 20,000 foot view of your life? When have you been challenged by it?
- What roll does fear play in your life? How is Jesus helping you out of fear?
- How should we anticipate the supernatural? What does that look like day to day?
- How have you seen Jesus bring new live to you, or those around you recently?