Faith Can Bring Us Victories

"When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around Him while He was by the lake. Then one of the Synagogue rulers, named Jairus, came there. Seeing Jesus, he fell at His feet and pleaded earnestly with Him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hand on her so that she will be healed and live." So Jesus went with him. A large crowd followed and pressed around him." (Mark 5:21-24)

Jairus was an important man; he was one of the Synagogue rulers, which was at the time of Jesus the highest authority to lead the Jewish in Jerusalem. So Jairus was a man with an influence, power, riches, money, and in common language we can say he can do what he want. But what he is facing now, his little daughter is dying, nothing can help him, neither his riches nor his friends, nor all what he has can help him.

In such hopeless situations nothing can aid other than kneeling down at the feet of Jesus, the Creator of heaven and earth, the author of life, who can heal and raise people from the death and bring them back to life. Jairus has faith in God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ who can help Him in his trouble. Therefore he felt at His feet and pleaded earnestly with him saying, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hand on her so that she will be healed and live." (Mark 5:23) "So Jesus went with him. A large crowd followed and pressed around Him. And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind Him in the crowd and touched His cloak, because she thought, "if I just touched His clothes, I will be healed." Just immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering." (Mark 5:24-29)

Jesus delayed in reaching the dying girl by another case, a woman with bleeding who suffered a great deal for twelve years under the care of many doctors. She spent all she had yet instead of getting better she grew worse. What she suffered and what she passed through was miserable but that paved the way for her to seek God, to fear Him, and to trust her life into his hand; truly, *"The LORD delights in those who fear Him, who put their hope in His unfailing love."* (*Psalm 147:11*) Truly that faith in Jesus brought healing into her life. Her

bleeding immediately stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

Sickness causes pain and brings suffering. The reason the Lord Jesus Christ came is to save us from sin, death, sickness and suffering. Jesus died for our sins on the cross. He was buried but rose from the death on the third day to give eternal life to those who believe in Him and trust their lives into His hands. Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, He is God who made God the Father know to us, "No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made Him known." (John 1:18) Jesus is God and had the power to heal. The sick woman received healing because she had faith in Him, as He told her, "Your faith has healed you."

Now this woman healed but what about the man who came to Jesus whose daughter was dying. Did the Lord forgot him? Not at all, let us read, "While Jesus was still speaking, some men came from the house of Jairus, the Synagogue ruler. "Your daughter is dead," they said, "Why bother the teacher anymore?" Ignoring what they said, Jesus told the synagogue ruler, "Don't be afraid; just believed." He did not let anyone follow Him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. Then they came to the home of the Synagogue ruler, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. He went in and said to them, "Why this commotion and wailing?" The child was not dead but asleep". But they laughed at Him. After He put them all out, He took the child's father and mother and the disciples who where with Him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum!" (Which means, littler girl, I say to you, get up!). Immediately the girl stood up and walked around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished." (Mark 5:35-42)

My dear and beloved: Without faith we cannot live and we cannot please God. The woman with bleeding had been healed through faith. She received God's grace when she trust Him. God can save us from sicknesses, trials, problems and hardships. Just we need to have faith in Him so that our lives will be victorious, successful and meaningful. Even when we reach a blockage on the way and we cannot go any further, we need to trust Him, God himself will make the way. That is what happened with Jairus, as he heard his daughter died and the people advised him not to bother the Lord anymore, at that point the Lord interfered and restored his faith back, to make him believe that the Lord can do the impossible things for him. This is what we need to learn from this message, God can do new things even when we think there is no more hope. This encourage us to pray.

My prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord I thank you for your gift of faith that I received from you. Lord increases my faith and trust in you. Uphold me and sustain me in your loving arms as I go on in serving You

and living my life unto You. Thank you Lord, this is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.