

'NEW LIFE HEALING CENTRE'

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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RAYMOND

Choose life over death. Within our power is to choose the path in life we decide to take. Christ living within us brings life to us now and a continuation of life after our bodies die. The scriptures show us that when we die our bodies go into the ground and our spirit/soul goes to be with the Lord. As we yield our lives to Jesus His life grows in us. This life of Christ we take hold of by faith. Faith is what we live by, it is not a matter of how much faith each of us has but it is all about who we put our faith in. We are to encourage everyone to put their faith in Jesus, whether they already know Him, or to encourage the unbeliever to put their faith in Jesus. No greater Rock could we ever put our feet upon.

As I have said, it isn't about how much faith you have, but it is about who you put your faith in. Jairus' daughter had died. Many said "It is too late you cannot do anything about it now". Jesus told Jairus not to listen to them, Jesus said, "*Be not afraid only believe*". - *Mark 5 v 36*. This next phase in Jairus' walk with Jesus was not about how much faith he had, it was about "do I believe what Jesus had told me?" Jairus didn't listen to those around him, although he heard them, he put HIS FAITH in THE WORD of Jesus. "*Be not afraid only believe*". Jesus compared to the others said so little yet His WORDS WERE LIFE TO HIM. Do you grasp what I am saying? It is not about how much faith you have but who you put your faith in.

As Jairus put his faith in Jesus' word, the people around jeered and laughed at Jesus because they were full of unbelief. However, in verse 40 *Mark Chapter 5*, we hear how Jesus didn't allow these people into the house with Him, and those that were inside who were full of unbelief He put them outside. Can you hear this? Faith and unbelief do not go together. If you are surrounded by those of unbelief you need to be free from them. If you have negative voices talking to you you need to shut them out. This is what Jesus did. *Verse 40 - 'They began laughing (scornfully) at Him (because they knew the child was dead). But He made them all go outside and took along the child's father and mother and His own three companions, and entered the room where the child was'*. The moment Jairus stepped out in faith to believe God for the miracle of healing he was faced with many negative forces wrapped up in 'unbelief'.

When you step out in faith upon God's Word for your miracle you will also be faced with negative forces. It seems that this is the time when the enemy gets to work and rallies those around you to try and persuade you differently. "It's too late, nothing can be done! You have to live with it!" Well meaning family members and friends (even at times those whom you have fellowship with) will try and reason with you even to the point of discouraging you to trust and believe God for your miracle. Sadly it is such that instead of standing with you in faith and helping to build your faith, they will be ones who continually talk about your problems feeling sorry for you and will feed you with 'fear' and 'unbelief'. Even with the events that shall take place after death there is much said about "it will be alright", when all along the Bible warns us about dying without Christ.

We should be always encouraging people to trust Jesus, to believe His Word, and to walk in it. We should be encouraging people to step out in faith upon the Word of God and to pray for their miracle. Jesus has promised first eternal life to all who put their faith and trust in Him. Jesus has also enabled us to live a life of faith and trust in Him. You do so by believing His Word, putting your faith in His Word and cutting out 'negative forces of unbelief'.

Man says, "it cannot be done". Jesus says, "it can"! Man says, "it will never happen", Jesus says, "it will"! Today is a day about whom you will choose to believe. Will you choose today what Jesus says, or will you choose the voice of negativity and unbelief? When Jesus had rid the room of negative forces of unbelief, he gathered around Him those who believed in Him, (who were Jairus, his wife, Peter, James and John), Jesus went over to the bed where the girl was lying (sleeping Jesus said earlier), and He took her lifeless hand in His and commanded her to rise! *Mark 5 v 41 – And He took the damsel by her hand and said unto her, "Talitha cumi" which is being interpreted "Damsel I say unto thee arise"*.

Listen . . Christ had power over death. As He spoke, life returned to her body, she got up off her bed and began to walk. With one word, resurrection healing power flowed restoring her to life.

Spend time reflecting upon this. Think about where you are before God. TRUST, BELIEVE, be not afraid.

All in Jesus Name . . . AMEN.