



April 2021

Dear Partner,

Happy Easter! Spring is a beautiful time to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. When Jesus rose from the dead, everything old became new—we all gained the opportunity for redemption from our sins and a new life in Christ. Springtime reminds me that no matter how bleak the winter, there is a time for the dormant things in our life to surge with life again. We are made to spring up, grow, and produce in life. God called us to be ever-green! Instant in season and out, that's what we're called to be.

That's what these letters I write to my Partners each month aim to accomplish—to help you and me stir up the gift of God in our hearts. To help us breathe in some fresh words from the Holy Spirit so that we can go out into the world, overcome and succeed, and spark new growth in others, too. I'm always so blessed by the new insights the Lord gives me to share with you in these letters. Partner, every teaching I've written has been just as much for me as it has been for you—and today's teaching is no different! I want you to know that the points I share are Jesus' words to us, and I know that because He is the One Who births them in my spirit. He is the inspiration—He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life that causes all revelation to spring forth. I just obey and share what He gives me. I personally believe the points in these letters are rhema words to you and me. Because of that, they can really shift our thinking to a higher level and, today, I hope this teaching does just that for you.

God has things He wants to do in us and for us in 2021, and I just love the theme He gave me to share with my Partners for this year. It's from 2 Kings 4:2, and it's a question the prophet Elisha asked the widow who had come to him for help: *"What shall I do for thee?"* Partner, I believe that God is asking you, "What shall I do for you?" He wants you to let go of the idea that He is limited in ability or desire to help *you*. He also wants you to let go of the idea that *you* are somehow limited in your ability to receive from Him.

"What shall I do for thee?" is a very simple theme, but it requires us to have an open heart and childlike faith. It requires that we *believe* that God is *listening*, that He is *able*, and that He is *willing* to do whatsoever good thing we ask in Jesus' name. It's time to move beyond hoping and wishing—and the fear that sometimes comes along with that—and move into believing that our God is a good Father Who wants to do something for us. *"What shall I do for thee?"* is about knowing that God is willing and able to bless us in every way that we can *believe* Him for.

Jairus Asked and Jesus Went

"What Shall I Do for Thee?" Requires You to Be Specific

Elisha and the widow have a wonderful story about the miracle-working power of God. The widow was taken from poverty to prosperity in that story, and that's where our 2021 theme originated. Today, I want to take you to another scene in the Bible where a man needs to hear what God can do for him. Go with me to

Mark 5:22-24 to begin reading the story of Jairus and the miracle-working power of God in the area of healing, and even life itself.

“And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw Him, he fell at His feet, And besought Him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray Thee, come and lay Thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live. And Jesus went with him; and much people followed Him, and thronged Him.”

Jairus *asked* and Jesus *went*—that’s the first thing I want you to notice. Do you know what that tells me? **It tells me that we must *ask* if we want to receive, and we must *be specific* about what we want from the Lord, too.** You won’t get what you want if you don’t ask—and you can’t ask in faith unless you know specifically what you want! Jairus knew what he wanted. He was focused. He didn’t dismiss his need as unimportant. He didn’t water it down with a lot of other things or give up. He had faith that Jesus could heal her and was bold enough to ask specifically. Jairus pleaded with Jesus to go to his home and lay hands on his dying daughter. Once he did that, notice that verse 24 says, *“And Jesus went...”*

Jesus didn’t respond to Jairus’ need—He responded to his words and his persistent faith. You see, if Jairus had asked nothing and believed nothing—well, Jesus would have kept walking and never gone to his house. Jairus made his way to Jesus on purpose. Jairus was persistent. It reminds me of James 4:3 that says you have not because you ask not, and you have not because you ask amiss—which means, 1) we need to ask for what we want, and 2) we need to ask rightly and in faith. The minute Jairus did both of those, Jesus began moving toward his house. That tells you something! It tells you that your faith and your words move things in the spiritual realm—and they can steer the power that is in Christ toward your situation.

No Matter How Urgent Your Need, You’re Not Alone in It ***Interruptions, Obstacles, and Naysayers—A Delay Is Not a Denial***

Delays happen in life. Interruptions happen in life. Obstacles come and try to make you think God isn’t listening or maybe that the delay is some kind of denial. It’s not! Even Jairus, who had the attention of Jesus in the flesh, had to deal with a delay. Now, Jairus was in a terrible situation. His twelve-year-old daughter was sick and dying, and he desperately wanted a miracle. I call this instance in the Bible an “impossibility becoming a possibility.” But did you notice that even in this instance where Jesus is standing right in front of him, there were delays along the way to his miracle?

Can you imagine how Jairus felt knowing his daughter was home dying when a woman with an issue of blood took the attention away from his situation? Time was on his mind. He knew his daughter was at the end. Yet, when that woman touched Jesus with her faith, she got her miracle instantly (Mark 5:25-35). Now, Jairus could have gotten offended. He could have given up and left bitter. He didn’t, and Jesus continued on the way to his house. When Jairus gets close to home, you’d think his friends would be happy to see Jesus there to help. They aren’t. Instead, they tell Jairus to stop bothering Jesus because his daughter is already dead. Now, that’s flat discouraging! Have you ever had someone tell you not to bother praying because even the Lord can’t help you? Don’t let other people’s lack of faith infect your faith—be like Jairus and not like the crowd.

Partner, sometimes things seem to slow down what you’re believing for. Many people may try to discourage you, too. But, if your faith is steadfast, your answer *will* come to pass—because a delay is *not* a denial. So, I want to share this point with you today, and I think it’s very important for you to remember when you are in those moments that feel like delays or discouragement: **No matter how urgent your need is, you’re not alone in it.** The Lord promised to never leave you or forsake you (Hebrews 13:5).

You see, the Lord never has an alternative when your heart is crying out to Him—He refuses to leave or forsake you. He is always listening. He is always there. Time has no bearing when you are dealing with the Lord. *Nothing* is beyond His ability or power. Jesus didn’t give up and leave Jairus because the situation seemed so far gone. He won’t leave you either. So, don’t leave Him by giving up on yourself or the situation you’re believing for.

I know there are hindrances that are disheartening along the path to receive what you’re believing for, but you must remember that it’s not over. Jesus will always work hand in hand with your faith to see the situation turned around, no matter what the naysayers say. Jairus could have given up and told Jesus to stop. Instead, he had both faith *and* patience, and he got what he desired from the Lord.

Faith Is the Hand You Use to Receive

Divine Favor Follows Your Asking and Your Faith to “Only Believe”

Let's continue reading Mark 5:35-37 and see what happened next in the story of Jairus. *“While He yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further? As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, **only believe**. And He suffered no man to follow Him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James.*

This father was confronted with a challenge *so* impossible that even those closest to the situation told him not to bother Jesus. They thought nothing could be done. I love what Jesus said when Jairus heard the terrible report, *“Thy daughter is dead.”* Jesus looked at that man and said, *“only believe.”* That's His word to us today, too. Now, don't complicate it! Faith will work if you *work* it.

That brings me to the next point I want to give to you today: **Faith is the hand you use to receive the blessing you are asking for.** Hebrews 11:6 says that it is impossible to please God without faith. Remember that the leper, blind Bartimaeus, and the widow that Elisha talked to all had to *“only believe”*—and so do you. If you have a terrible report, just listen to Jesus and *“only believe.”* Don't waver in your faith. Sometimes you get what you're believing for instantly, and sometimes obstacles get in the way on your road to receiving. Sometimes even the people closest to you may tell you to give up. But all you have to do is *“only believe,”* like Jesus told Jairus to do. Hold on to His Word, even when obstacles come up, and you *will* receive.

When you come to the end of your resources, Christ begins His miracle for you. Glory! Remember, faith is the only thing God demands of us to please Him. Asking God in faith will bring you to the place where **His divine favor lives.** When you boldly bring your needs and desires to the Lord, He will never turn you away. Now, Partner, that's what you need!

Let me tell you that faith often springs up in the soil of trouble. Faith angers the enemy, and so it angers the enemies of God. Partner, sometimes my faith has been severely tried by the devil and by the people he has put along my path. But I know that my faith and your faith can still produce even in extraordinarily trying times. In fact, that's when unbelievers see the hand of God most evidently.

In 2 Timothy 4:7, the apostle Paul said, *“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course,”* and then he said, *“I have kept the faith.”* Glory! The best part of what Paul said is that last bit. Keeping the faith is what we're called to do as believers. It's what helps us fight a good fight and finish our course.

Life in Its Fullness Knows No Fear

The Voice of Jesus Hushes All Anxieties

Now, let me give you some encouragement. If people tell you, *“It's not going to work. You're not going to make it,”* or *“Don't bother Jesus with that. You're just asking in the flesh,”* then the next part of this letter is for you. Partner, don't ever let someone else tell you to not bother the Lord. He cares about every little part of your life, even if others think your desires are too small or too big to happen. It has nothing to do with them—your desires are between you and God. Fear puts too much stock in what other people say. Aim to please God with faith.

Mark 5:38-43 tells us the rest of this miraculous story: *“And He cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly. And when He was come in, He saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed Him to scorn. But when He had put them all out, He taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with Him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying. And He took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise. And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment. And He charged them straitly that no man should know it; and commanded that something should be given her to eat.”*

Notice that when Jesus said the girl was just sleeping, the crowd laughed Him to scorn. But they weren't laughing when she got up and walked. No, the Word says they were astonished with a great astonishment. If people around you are speaking against faith in God, let what they say go in one ear and out the other. If they aren't supportive today, decide that they will just be astonished later.

The last point I want to leave you with today is this: **Life in its fullness knows no fear. Jesus' voice will hush all those anxieties.** Peace follows faith. This is why when we obey the command to "*only believe*," our heart and mind can rest.

Most people are walking around in fear and limited thinking. Jesus has neither of those, and so when we put our faith in Him, we lose those things, too. It's fear that says, "you can't" and "you never will." Fear says, "Forget it. It's too big for God and too far gone to pray about."

Partner, Jesus' voice is ever-speaking—read His Word and hear His still small voice. Lost joys are being found and resurrections are ever taking place—let faith rise up in your heart so that joy and receiving can flow. Wherever the energy of God is reflected, a change for the better must and will occur. So, again, I tell you to ask and be specific!


Like Elisha talking to the widow woman, God is asking you, "*What shall I do for thee?*" Like Jairus encountering delays and disappointing reports, Jesus is saying to you, "*Only believe.*" Partner, never grow tired of asking and having childlike faith. My own daughter is a mother and, as her father, I'm still always asking, "Jodi, do you want something? C'mon Jodi, ask me!" That's what Jesus was saying to Jairus when He looked at him on the road that day. When Jesus said, "*only believe*," it was just like Him saying, "If you have faith, you'll see Me do it."

Stay away from other people's low state of faith. Remember that God has set you above and not below! You're the head and not the tail, so don't listen to the naysayers and do not worry! Faith and worry don't mix—they are incompatible. Remember what Matthew 18:19 says about two or more as touching anything? Well, Cathy and I will be your "2"—we're agreeing with you, and we believe that it shall be done for you! Victory is yours, in Jesus' name. Glory!

Partner, I so enjoy writing these letters to you and want to thank you for helping us spread the Gospel of Jesus around the world. I can't thank you enough for all you do for this ministry to help us reach out for God. Your faithful financial support is so full of love for souls—thank you for helping us to reach people and change lives, one soul at a time. Cathy and I are workers with you for His kingdom, and every day we are seeing more and more people saved and touched by the power of His Word. So, again, thank you for that!

I'll leave you today with the question that is our theme for 2021: "*What shall I do for thee?*" I hope you get specific. I hope you open your heart wide. I pray you decide to ask and believe for everything that is on your heart—spiritually, physically, and financially, I'm standing in agreement with you for whatever you want from the Lord. It's big faith, Partner! It's hundredfold faith! You have that inside of you, and so do I. Let's "*only believe*" and keep at it until we receive *everything* God has for us. Until next time, keep the faith.

Love You,



Jesse Duplantis

P.S. For your April Partnership of \$50 or more, I've chosen a message I believe will stir your faith and encourage your heart, ***What a Difference a Day Makes*** (on DVD, CD, or both formats). And for your Partnership of any amount, you can request this message on CD. Simply go to JDM.org (click on "Donate") or see the enclosure to get yours today. Also, if you're in the New Orleans area for Easter, I invite you to join me at Jesse Duplantis Ministries Covenant Church in Destrehan, LA, where I'll be ministering on Sunday, April 4, at 10am. And if you can't be with us in person, we'll be streaming the service live on JDM.org, Facebook (/JesseDuplantisMinistries), and YouTube (/jesseduplantismin). Let's celebrate Jesus's resurrection together!



“What Shall
I Do_{For Thee?}”
2 KINGS 4:2



BE BOLD!
Ask Specifically
and *Only Believe!*

“Be not afraid, only believe.” – Jesus (Mark 5:36)

April 2021
Partner Letter Bible Study Notes

Be Bold! Ask Specifically and Only Believe!

1st Week April 2021 Bible Study Notes

Open Bible Study in prayer (led by the group leader or someone they choose).

Spring is a beautiful time to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

- When Jesus rose from the dead, everything old became new.
- We all gained the opportunity for redemption from our sins and a new life in Christ.

Springtime should remind us that no matter how bleak the winter, there is a time for the dormant things in our life to surge with life again.

- We are made to spring up, grow, and produce in life.
- God called us to be ever-green!
- Instant in season and out, that's what we're called to be.

Our last Bible Study was titled, "Fix *your* thoughts on *Who* God is, on His *will*, and on His *power*!"

- We saw that God is NO respecter of persons and that knowing His will is essential.
- We learned that when we trust in Him, we can overcome every challenge and fulfill our destiny.

Every Bible Study is based on Partner letters that Jesse writes each month.

- They help us stir up the gift of God in our hearts and breathe in some fresh words from the Holy Spirit so that we can go out into the world, overcome and succeed, and spark new growth in others, too.

The points we study are Jesus' words to us, because He is the One Who births them.

- He is the inspiration—He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life that causes all revelation to spring forth.
- The points are rhema words to us and they can really shift our thinking to a higher level.
- We hope this teaching does just that for you.

Today we will begin our new Bible Study for this month, which is titled: "Be Bold! Ask Specifically and Only Believe!"

***Instruct the group to turn to Mark 5:22.**

God has things He wants to do in us and for us in 2021.

- The theme He gave us for this year is from 2 Kings 4:2.
- It's a question the prophet Elisha asked the widow who had come to him for help: "*What shall I do for thee?*"

***Group Discussion: What does it mean when God asks, "What shall I do for you?"**

- It means He wants you to let go of the idea that He is limited in ability or desire to help *you*.
- He also wants you to let go of the idea that *you* are somehow limited in your ability to receive from Him.

"What shall I do for thee?" is a very simple theme, but it requires us to have an open heart and childlike faith.

- It requires that we *believe* that God is *listening*, that He is *able*, and that He is *willing* to do whatsoever good thing we ask in Jesus' name.
- It's time to move beyond hoping and wishing—and the fear that sometimes comes along with that.
- It's time to believe that our God is a good Father Who wants to do something for us.

"What shall I do for thee?" is about knowing that God is willing and able to bless us in every way that we can *believe* Him for.

- Elisha and the widow have a wonderful story about the miracle-working power of God.
- The widow was taken from poverty to prosperity in that story, and that's where our 2021 theme originated.

Today, we will go to another scene in the Bible where a man needs to hear what God can do for him.

- We will begin by reading the story of Jairus and the miracle-working power of God in the area of healing, and even life itself.

***Invite someone in the group to read Mark 5:22-24 KJV:**

"And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw Him, he fell at His feet, And besought Him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray Thee, come and lay Thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live. And Jesus went with him; and much people followed Him, and thronged Him."

Jairus asked and Jesus went—that's the first thing you need to notice.

***Group Discussion: Do you know what that tells us?**

It tells us that we must ask if we want to receive, and we must be specific about what we want from the Lord, too.

- You won't get what you want if you don't ask.
- You can't ask in faith unless you know specifically what you want!

Jairus knew what he wanted.

- He was focused.
- He didn't dismiss his need as unimportant.
- He didn't water it down with a lot of other things or give up.
- He had faith that Jesus could heal her and was bold enough to ask specifically.

Jairus pleaded with Jesus to go to his home and lay hands on his dying daughter.

- Once he did that, we saw what happened in verse 24: *"And Jesus went...."*

***Instruct the group to turn to James 4:3.**

Jesus didn't respond to Jairus' need—He responded to his words and his persistent faith.

- You see, if Jairus had asked nothing and believed nothing, Jesus would have kept walking and never gone to his house.
- Jairus made his way to Jesus on purpose.
- Jairus was persistent.

***Invite someone in the group to read James 4:3 KJV:**

"Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts."

This means that we need to ask for what we want, and we need to ask rightly and in faith.

- The minute Jairus did both of those, Jesus began moving toward his house.

That tells you that your faith and your words move things in the spiritual realm.

- And they can steer the power that is in Christ toward your situation.

Confess What God Shall Do for You:

1. God is asking me, *"What shall I do for thee?"* I know that God is *listening*, that He is *able*, and that He is *willing* to do whatsoever good thing I ask in Jesus' name.
2. I must *ask* if I want to receive, and I must *be specific* about what I want from the Lord. I have faith in Jesus, and I am bold enough to ask specifically.

Close in Prayer.

Be Bold! Ask Specifically and Only Believe!

2nd Week April 2021 Bible Study Notes

Open Bible Study in prayer (led by the group leader or someone they choose).

God has things He wants to do in us and for us in 2021.

- He wants us to understand the power behind the question, “*What shall I do for thee?*”

This is our theme for this year, and it requires us to have an open heart and childlike faith.

- It requires that we *believe* that God is *listening*, that He is *able*, and that He is *willing* to do whatsoever good thing we ask in Jesus’ name.
- It also reminds us that we must *ask* if we want to receive, and we must *be specific* about what we want from the Lord.

*Instruct the group to turn to Mark 5:22.

Today we will continue this month’s Bible Study, titled: “Be Bold! Ask Specifically and Only Believe!”

- Last week we began reading the story of Jairus and the miracle-working power of God.
- We learned that we must *ask* if we want to receive, and we must *be specific* about what we want from the Lord, too.

*Invite someone in the group to read Mark 5:22-24 KJV:

“And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw Him, he fell at His feet, And besought Him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray Thee, come and lay Thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live. And Jesus went with him; and much people followed Him, and thronged Him.”

That father knew what he wanted and was focused.

- He didn’t dismiss his need as unimportant, water it down, or give up.
- He had faith that Jesus could heal his daughter and was bold enough to ask specifically.

Jairus’ story also reminds us that delays and interruptions happen in life.

- Obstacles try to make you think God isn’t listening or that the delay is some kind of denial.
- It’s not! Even Jairus, who had the attention of Jesus in the flesh, had to deal with a delay.

Now, Jairus was in a terrible situation.

- His twelve-year-old daughter was sick and dying, and he desperately wanted a miracle.

This instance in the Bible could be called an “impossibility becoming a possibility.”

- But we need to notice that even in this instance where Jesus is standing right in front of him, there were delays along the way to his miracle.

*Invite someone in the group to read Mark 5:25-35 KJV:

“And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched His garment. For she said, If I may touch but His clothes, I shall be whole. And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that virtue had gone out of Him, turned Him about in the press, and said, Who touched My clothes? And His disciples said unto Him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest Thou, Who touched Me? And He looked round about to see her that had done this thing. But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before Him, and told Him all the truth. And He said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague. While He yet spake, there came

from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further?"

***Group Discussion: Can you imagine how Jairus felt knowing his daughter was home dying when a woman with an issue of blood took the attention away from his situation?**

Time was on his mind and he knew that his daughter was at the end.

- Yet, when that woman touched Jesus with her faith, she got her miracle instantly.

Now, Jairus could have gotten offended—he could have given up and left bitter.

- He didn't, and Jesus continued on the way to his house.
- When Jairus gets close to home, you'd think his friends would be happy to see Jesus there to help. They aren't.

Instead, they tell Jairus to stop bothering Jesus because his daughter is already dead.

- Now, that's flat discouraging!

***Group Discussion: Have you ever had someone tell you not to bother praying because even the Lord can't help you?**

Don't let other people's lack of faith infect your faith.

- Be like Jairus and not like the crowd.

***Instruct the group to turn to Hebrews 13:5.**

Sometimes things seem to slow down what you're believing for.

- Many people may try to discourage you, too.
- But, if your faith is steadfast, your answer *will* come to pass—because a delay is *not* a denial.

When you are in those moments that feel like delays or discouragement, it's very important for you to remember this point: No matter how urgent your need is, you're not alone in it.

***Invite someone in the group to read Hebrews 13:5 KJV:**

"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

The Lord never has an alternative when your heart is crying out to Him.

- He refuses to leave or forsake you. He is always listening. He is always there.
- Time has no bearing with the Lord and *nothing* is beyond His ability or power.

Jesus didn't give up and leave Jairus because the situation seemed so far gone.

- He won't leave you either.
- So, don't leave Him by giving up on yourself or the situation you're believing for.

If there are hindrances that are disheartening along the path to receive what you're believing for, you must remember that it's not over.

- Jesus will always work hand in hand with your faith to see the situation turned around, no matter what the naysayers say.

Jairus could have given up and told Jesus to stop.

- Instead, he had both faith *and* patience, and he got what he desired from the Lord.

Confess What God Shall Do for You:

1. I do not let other people's lack of faith infect my faith. My faith is steadfast. My answer *will* come to pass—because a delay is *not* a denial.
2. No matter how urgent my need is, I'm not alone in it. Jesus will never leave me or forsake me. He is always listening. He is always there. *Nothing* is beyond His ability or power.
3. Jesus will always work hand in hand with my faith to turn my situation around. With faith *and* patience, I will get what I desire from the Lord.

Close in Prayer.

Be Bold! Ask Specifically and Only Believe!

3rd Week April 2021 Bible Study Notes

Open Bible Study in prayer (led by the group leader or someone they choose).

All this year we are digging deeper into our theme: “What shall I do for thee?”

- We are studying many different scenes in the Bible to build our faith to receive what God is saying to us.

Today we will continue with our Bible Study this month, titled: “Be Bold! Ask Specifically and Only Believe!”

***Instruct the group to turn to our foundation text in Mark 5:22.**

We have been studying about Jairus and the miracle-working power of our God.

***Invite someone in the group to read Mark 5:22-24 KJV:**

“And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw Him, he fell at His feet, And besought Him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray Thee, come and lay Thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live. And Jesus went with him; and much people followed Him, and thronged Him.”

Notice that Jairus had faith that Jesus could heal his daughter and was bold enough to ask specifically.

- Jesus didn’t respond to Jairus’ need—He responded to his words and his persistent faith.
- If Jairus had asked nothing and believed nothing, Jesus would have never gone to his house.
- Jairus was persistent and made his way to Jesus on purpose.

In our last lesson, we saw that delays, obstacles, and interruptions happen in life.

- Even Jairus, who had the attention of Jesus in the flesh, had to deal with a delay.
- Time was on his mind and he knew that his daughter was at the end.
- Yet, when the woman with the issue of blood touched Jesus with her faith, she got her miracle instantly.

Now, Jairus could have gotten offended—he could have given up and left bitter.

- He didn’t, and Jesus continued on the way to his house.

We also saw last week that we must not let other people’s lack of faith infect our faith.

- If our faith is steadfast, our answer *will* come to pass—because a delay is *not* a denial.

No matter how urgent your need is, you’re not alone in it.

- Jesus will never forsake you and He is always listening.
- *Nothing* is beyond His ability or power.

Jesus will always work hand in hand with your faith to turn your situation around.

- With faith *and* patience, you will get what you desire from the Lord.

Let’s continue reading and see what happened when Jesus arrived at the home of Jairus.

***Invite someone in the group to read Mark 5:35-37 KJV:**

*“While He yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue’s house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further? As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, **only believe**. And He suffered no man to follow Him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James.”*

This father was confronted with a challenge so impossible that even those closest to the situation told him not to bother Jesus.

- They thought nothing could be done.

***Group Discussion: Do you see how important it is to surround yourself with others that will believe with you for your miracle?**

Notice what Jesus said when Jairus heard the terrible report, *“Thy daughter is dead.”*

- Jesus looked at that man and said, *“only believe.”*

That’s His word to us today, too.

- Now, don’t complicate it!
- Faith will work if you *work* it.

***Instruct the group to turn to Hebrews 11:6.**

Let’s look at the next point of our Bible Study for this month: Faith is the hand you use to receive the blessing you are asking for.

***Invite someone in the group to read Hebrews 11:6 KJV:**

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.”

Remember that the leper, blind Bartimaeus, and the widow that Elisha talked to all had to *“only believe”*—and so do you.

- The only way that we can please God is with faith.
- If you have a terrible report, just listen to Jesus and *“only believe.”*

Don’t waver in your faith.

- Sometimes you get what you’re believing for instantly.
- Sometimes obstacles get in the way on your road to receiving.
- Sometimes even the people closest to you may tell you to give up.

But all you have to do is *“only believe,”* like Jesus told Jairus to do.

- Hold on to His Word, even when obstacles come up, and you *will* receive.

***Group Discussion: Does Jesus’ powerful instruction given to Jairus to “only believe” encourage you today?**

When you come to the end of your resources, Christ begins His miracle for you.

- Remember, faith is the only thing God demands of us to please Him.

Asking God in faith will bring you to the place where His divine favor lives.

- When you boldly bring your needs and desires to the Lord, He will never turn you away.
- Now, that’s what you need!

***Instruct the group to turn to 2 Timothy 4:7.**

We need to realize that faith often springs up in the soil of trouble.

- Faith angers the enemy, and so it angers the enemies of God.
- Sometimes our faith is severely tried by the devil and by the people he puts along our path.

Always remember that our faith can still produce even in extraordinarily trying times.

- In fact, that’s when unbelievers see the hand of God most evidently.

***Invite someone in the group to read 2 Timothy 4:7 KJV:**

“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.”

The best part of what Paul said is that last bit.

- Keeping the faith is what we’re called to do as believers.
- It’s what helps us fight a good fight and finish our course.

Confess What God Shall Do for You:

1. Faith is the hand I use to receive the blessing I ask for. My asking brings me to the place where God’s divine favor lives. I boldly bring my needs and desires to the Lord, and He never turns me away.
2. Keeping the faith is what I’m called to do as a believer. It’s what helps me fight a good fight and finish my course.

Close in Prayer.

Be Bold! Ask Specifically and Only Believe!

4th Week April 2021 Bible Study Notes

Open Bible Study in prayer (led by the group leader or someone they choose).

Today we will conclude this month's Bible Study, titled: "Be Bold! Ask Specifically and Only Believe!"

- We will continue looking at the story of Jairus and the miracle-working power of God.

*Instruct the group to turn to our foundation text in Mark 5.

This month's teaching flows with the theme that the Lord gave us for 2021.

- It's a question from 2 Kings 4:2 that the prophet Elisha asked the widow who had come to him for help: *"What shall I do for thee?"*

God wants us to know that we must ask if we want to receive, and we must be specific about what we want from Him.

- Last week we learned that faith is the hand we use to receive the blessing we ask for.
- Asking God in faith will bring us to the place where His divine favor lives.
- We can boldly bring our needs and desires to the Lord, and He never turns us away.

*Invite someone in the group to read Mark 5:22-24 KJV:

"And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw Him, he fell at His feet, And besought Him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray Thee, come and lay Thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live. And Jesus went with him; and much people followed Him, and thronged Him."

The first thing we noticed in our study this month was that Jairus asked and Jesus went.

- We also saw that Jairus could have gotten offended or given up when the woman with the issue of blood delayed Jesus.
- He didn't, and Jesus continued on the way to his house.
- Let's review what happened next.

*Invite someone in the group to read Mark 5:35-37 KJV:

*"While He yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further? As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, **only believe**. And He suffered no man to follow Him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James."*

Notice what Jesus said when Jairus heard the terrible report, "Thy daughter is dead."

- Jesus looked at that man and said, *"only believe"* and that's His word to us today, too.
- Keeping the faith is what we're called to do as believers.
- It's what helps us fight a good fight and finish our course.

*Group Discussion: Have you ever had people tell you things like, "It's not going to work. You're not going to make it. Don't bother Jesus with that. You're just asking in the flesh."?

If you have ever been told things like that, this next part of our Bible Study is just for you.

- Don't ever let someone else tell you to not bother the Lord.

He cares about every little part of your life, even if others think your desires are too small or too big to happen.

- It has nothing to do with them—your desires are between you and God.
- Fear puts too much stock in what other people say—aim to please God with faith.

Let's continue reading the rest of this miraculous story.

*Invite someone in the group to read Mark 5:38-43 KJV:

“And He cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly. And when He was come in, He saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed Him to scorn. But when He had put them all out, He taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with Him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying. And He took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise. And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment. And He charged them straitly that no man should know it; and commanded that something should be given her to eat.”

Notice that when Jesus said the girl was just sleeping, the crowd laughed Him to scorn.

- But they weren't laughing when she got up and walked.
- No, the Word says they were astonished with a great astonishment.

If people speak against faith in God, let it go in one ear and out the other.

- If they aren't supportive today, decide that they will just be astonished later.

The last point I want to leave you with today is this: Life in its fullness knows no fear.

Jesus' voice will hush all those anxieties.

- Peace follows faith.
- This is why when we obey the command to *“only believe,”* our heart and mind can rest.

Most people are walking around in fear and limited thinking.

- Jesus has neither of those, and so when we put our faith in Him, we lose those things, too.

It's fear that says, “you can't” and “you never will.”

- Fear says, “Forget it. It's too big for God and too far gone to pray about.”

Always remember that Jesus' voice is ever-speaking!

- Read His Word and hear His still small voice.

Lost joys are being found and resurrections are ever taking place.

- Let faith rise up in your heart so that joy and receiving can flow.

Wherever the energy of God is reflected, a change for the better must and will occur.

- So, ask and be specific!

[*Group Discussion: Has this teaching challenged you to be specific in your asking?](#)

Like Elisha talking to the widow woman, God is asking you, “What shall I do for thee?”

- Like Jairus, Jesus is saying to you, *“Only believe.”*

Stay away from other people's low state of faith.

- Remember that God has set you above and not below!
- You're the head and not the tail, so don't listen to the naysayers and do not worry!
- Faith and worry don't mix—they are incompatible.

Meditate on the question that is our theme for 2021: “What shall I do for thee?”

Let's *“only believe”* and keep at it until we receive *everything* God has for us.

Confess What God Shall Do for You:

1. Life in its fullness knows no fear. Jesus' voice will hush all my anxieties. Peace follows faith. I obey Jesus' command to *“only believe.”* My heart and mind can rest.
2. Jesus' voice is ever-speaking. I read His Word and hear His still small voice. I let faith rise up in my heart so that joy and receiving can flow.
3. God has set me above and not below—I'm the head and not the tail. I ask God specifically for everything that is on my heart. I *“only believe”* and keep at it until I receive *everything* God has for me.

Close in Prayer.