

Jesus' Power



MEMORY VERSE: "How great is our Lord! His power is absolute! His understanding is beyond comprehension!" Psalm 147:5



MARK 4:35-41 Power Over Wind, Sea and Storms

1. Compare the disciples' reaction with Jesus' reaction to the storm.
2. What do their reactions reveal about both the disciples and Jesus?
3. The disciples had seen Jesus perform many miracles of healing but were still astonished to see his power over the wind, sea, and storm. What does this show us about the extent of God's power? How does this encourage you when you're in the middle of a storm?



MARK 5:21-34 Power Over Sickness

4. Read verses 21-28. What do these verses show you about Jairus' and the woman's faith in Jesus?
5. Compare the woman's experience for the past 12 years (vv. 25-26) to what happens when she touches Jesus' robe (v. 29). What does this show you about the power of Jesus?
6. Read verses 29-34. Jesus noticed one little touch on His robe. If we go to Him with even the smallest of faith, He will see us too. How does that make you feel?

7. How can you respond more like Jairus or the woman when you are in need of serious help?
What does Jesus tell the woman in verse 34?



MARK 5:35-43 Power Over Death

8. Read verses 35-36. What did the messengers tell Jairus? What was Jesus response?

9. Read verses 37-40. What did Jesus say to the people at the house and how did they react?
Why do you think these people acted this way?

10. What did Jesus do for the little girl? Jesus has power over life and death. How does this impact your faith?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

Many things in life are bigger than we are, especially nature, sickness and death. Yet Jesus Christ has power over all of these. Do you believe that God is more powerful than the worst thing you can imagine? Jesus' words to Jairus and the messengers applies to us too, "Don't be afraid. Just have faith." Mark 5:36 If God doesn't deliver us FROM something, He will certainly deliver us THROUGH it. He will never leave us or forsake us, and He is all powerful!

PRAY THE TRUTH

Heavenly Father, I want to believe You are more powerful than the worst thing I can imagine but sometimes I am afraid. I boldly ask You to give me more faith! Help me to always remember that You are watching over me and that I have nothing to be afraid of when I'm trusting You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



In all three of these situations those involved were at their wits end and Jesus alone was their hope. How might you better trust in Jesus and His power in the large and small areas of your life?



Mark 4:35-41; Mark 5:21-34, 35-43 (NLT)

Jesus Calms the Storm

35 As evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's cross to the other side of the lake." 36 So they took Jesus in the boat and started out, leaving the crowds behind (although other boats followed). 37 But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water. 38 Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. The disciples woke him up, shouting, "Teacher, don't you care that we're going to drown?" 39 When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Silence! Be still!" Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm. 40 Then he asked them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?" 41 The disciples were absolutely terrified. "Who is this man?" they asked each other. "Even the wind and waves obey him!"

Jesus Heals in Response to Faith

21 Jesus got into the boat again and went back to the other side of the lake, where a large crowd gathered around him on the shore. 22 Then a leader of the local synagogue, whose name was Jairus, arrived. When he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet, 23 pleading fervently with him. "My little daughter is dying," he said. "Please come and lay your hands on her; heal her so she can live." 24 Jesus went with him, and all the people followed, crowding around him. 25 A woman in the crowd had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding. 26 She had suffered a great deal from many doctors, and over the years she had spent everything she had to pay them, but she had gotten no better. In fact, she had gotten worse. 27 She had heard about Jesus, so she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his robe. 28 For she thought to herself, "If I can just touch his robe, I will be healed." 29 Immediately the bleeding stopped, and she could feel in her body that she had been healed of her terrible condition. 30 Jesus realized at once that healing power had gone out from him, so he turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my robe?" 31 His disciples said to him, "Look at this crowd pressing around you. How can you ask, 'Who touched me?'" 32 But he kept on looking around to see who had done it. 33 Then the frightened woman, trembling at the realization of what had happened to her, came and fell to her knees in front of him and told him what she had done. 34 And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace. Your suffering is over."

35 While he was still speaking to her, messengers arrived from the home of Jairus, the leader of the synagogue. They told him, "Your daughter is dead. There's no use troubling the Teacher now." 36 But Jesus overheard them and said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid. Just have faith." 37 Then Jesus stopped the crowd and wouldn't let anyone go with him except Peter, James, and John (the brother of James). 38 When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw much commotion and weeping and wailing. 39 He went inside and asked, "Why all this commotion and weeping? The child isn't dead; she's only asleep." 40 The crowd laughed at him. But he made them all leave, and he took the girl's father and mother and his three disciples into the room where the girl was lying. 41 Holding her hand, he said to her, "Talitha koum," which means "Little girl, get up!" 42 And the girl, who was twelve years old, immediately stood up and walked around! They were overwhelmed and totally amazed. 43 Jesus gave them strict orders not to tell anyone what had happened, and then he told them to give her something to eat.

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