

DIVINE REVERSAL

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic

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Death is like a thief in the night, we do not know when. It is not going to be announced. The story of a sick twelve-year-old girl, the daughter of Jairus, and a bleeding woman will show the miracles and the power of Jesus over death. For the believers of Jesus Christ, death is not scary, because of God's promise that we will not suffer. If we have a purpose and doing God's mission, we will be blessed with long life. Let us pray to grow old productively.



1. God allows delay, distractions, annoyances, and interruptions. We have a lot of questions when our prayers are delayed or not answered the way we want.

1.1. DELAY.

- He delayed His healing of Lazarus. When Lazarus from Bethany was ill, his sisters, Mary and Martha sent word to him. Jesus heard this but delayed for four days. When Lazarus was dead, He said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God" (John 11:4).
- Jairus was a rabbi, teacher, a leader in the synagogue. He went to Jesus and fell at His feet, pleading, "my daughter is at the point of death. Please, come, lay your hands on her that she may get well and live" (Mark 5:22-24). Jesus went with Him, but a crowd followed Him.

1.2. INTERRUPTION.

- A Canaanite woman came and called out Jesus. "Have pity on me, Lord! My daughter is tormented by a demon" (Matthew 15:21-23).
- We must listen when God interrupt us. We cannot understand the ways of the Lord. When God interrupts, there is a purpose. When He says "No" we must stop.

1.3. DISTRACTION.

- A bleeding woman caused a distraction on His way to the house of Jairus. She had been afflicted with hemorrhage for twelve years and had used up her money, but still grew worse. She pushed her way to reach Jesus and touched his cloak. "If I but touch His clothes, I shall be cured. Immediately she was healed" (Mk 5:25-29).
- When our hearts are bleeding, let us touch Jesus. Satan will attempt to destroy. But it is up to us not to fall into sin (Gal. 5).

2. Do not be afraid. Just believe. When we pray, we must know what we are praying for because God looks at our faith. "But without faith, it is impossible to please God" (Heb. 11:6).

2.1. A Touch of Faith. Jesus knew that power had gone out from Him. The bleeding woman confessed to Jesus. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be cured of your affliction" (Mark 5:34).

2.2. Jairus Did Not Waiver in His Faith. The people told Jesus that the child was dead. He said, "The child is not dead but asleep. He took the child by the hand and said to her, "Taltha koum" which means, "Little girl, I say to you arise!" The girl arose immediately and walked around (Mk 5:39-42). What started as a disappointing day turned out to be a joyful day. Jesus did not want the miracle advertised. His purpose was to seek and save the lost, and to die on the cross.

CONCLUSION: The way that God healed before is the same way He will heal today. We should hang on to His promises. If we doubt, we should not expect an answer (Jas. 1:6-8). He is the living word, "in Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind" (John 1:1-5).

REFLECTION:

1. How do you handle the disappointments, delays, and distractions in your daily life?
2. What was your most recent healing or answered prayer? Have you testified and glorified the Lord about it?

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