

ECHO CHURCH
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Believe Again

A 6-Day Devotional on Trusting God With What Still Has Breath In It

Week of Monday, September 21, 2026

On Sunday we walked into Jairus's worst day and watched him keep believing anyway. His daughter was at the point of death, then the report said she was gone, and Jesus still said only believe. This week we take that story off the page and into our own lives. Each morning give it a few honest minutes. Read the passage, sit with the reflection, then answer plainly. The goal is not to feel something. The goal is to believe again about the very thing you had already started to bury.

One line will follow us all week: Weak is not dead.

DAY ONE | MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Point of Death Is Not Dead

There is a difference between struggling and finished. Learn to tell them apart.

Mark 5:23 NKJV

"My little daughter lies at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live."

Jairus did not come to Jesus with a death certificate. He came with a report that said point of death. That is a critical condition, but it is not a closed casket. And too many of us have lost the ability to tell the two apart. We see something weak and we call it over. We feel a thing struggling and we quietly start printing the program, deciding who does the eulogy and who brings the food.

But look at the marriage you have already written off. The friendship. The calling. The prayer life that went cold. The dream you stopped mentioning out loud. Ask an honest question before you bury any of it: is this actually dead, or is it just weak? Because weak is not dead. And where there is still life, there is still purpose. Where there is purpose, there is a plan.

Jairus prayed the whole prayer. Not only that she may be healed, but and she will live. Do not settle for a diagnosis when God is still offering a future. Before you plan the funeral, make sure something actually died.

Weak is not dead. Stop planning the funeral for what God is still breathing on.

REFLECT

Name one thing you have already started to bury. Is it truly dead, or only weak?

Beside its name write two words: Still Living. What changes if you actually believe that?

PRAY

Father, I have been quick to call things over that You have not finished. Give me the honesty to see what is only weak and the faith to believe again. Lay Your hands on it, heal it, and let it live. Amen.

DAY TWO | TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Your Problem Does Not Own Your Attention

A problem in your hands does not have the authority to keep you from worship.

Mark 5:22 NKJV

"And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him, he fell at His feet."

Jairus was a ruler of the synagogue. He had a title, a reputation, a position people respected. But when he saw Jesus, none of that mattered more than his need. He fell at His feet. In that moment his problem did not have enough authority to keep him standing, and his title did not have enough weight to keep him proud. It was simply, God, this is personal.

That is a posture most of us lose when life gets heavy. We think worship has to wait for the right service, the right mood, the right clothes, the right song. But when you have history with God, when you have seen what He can do, you do not wait for a perfect moment. Every chance to worship becomes the foundation for everything that follows.

The thing you are carrying today does not get to decide whether God gets your attention. You can be at the point of death over something and still fall at His feet. In fact, that may be exactly where the breakthrough begins. Not in a polished environment, but in a pure heart and the right posture.

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REFLECT

What problem has been quietly holding your attention hostage from God?

What would it look like to worship today before anything is resolved?

PRAY

Lord, I will not wait for the perfect moment to give You my attention. My problem is real, but it does not rule me. I fall at Your feet right here, right now, honestly. This is personal. Amen.

DAY THREE | WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

When Somebody Else Gets Yours First

Another person's miracle is not proof that God forgot yours.

Mark 5:35 NKJV

"While He was still speaking, some came from the ruler of the synagogue's house who said, Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?"

This is the hardest turn in the whole story. Jairus did everything right. He worshipped. He prayed. He got Jesus walking toward his house. Then a woman who never asked a question and never prayed a prayer touched the hem of Jesus's garment and got healed on the spot, right in front of him. And while he watched her testimony unfold, his own bad news arrived. Your daughter is dead.

If you have ever stood in a room clapping for someone else's answered prayer while yours was still unanswered, you know this ache. The temptation is to do math. Maybe I sinned. Maybe I did not pray hard enough. Maybe God got distracted helping them and lost track of me. Stop. That is not the lesson of this story.

Somebody else getting their miracle is not proof that God forgot yours. Grace is not a limited supply that runs out when the person ahead of you receives. God can bless them fully and be fully committed to you at the same time. Their testimony is not a threat to yours. Sometimes it is a preview of what He is still on His way to do.

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REFLECT

Whose answered prayer has been hard for you to celebrate lately? Be honest.

What false math have you been doing about why your answer has not come?

PRAY

God, it is hard to watch someone else receive what I am still waiting on. Heal the jealousy and the doubt in me. Help me believe that You have not forgotten, delayed is not denied, and my turn is still coming. Amen.

DAY FOUR | THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Answer the Right Voice Last

The voice of God has to be louder than the voice of the unbeliever.

Mark 5:36 NKJV

"As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, Do not be afraid; only believe."

Notice the timing. The bad report came, and as soon as Jesus heard it, He answered it. He did not let it sit. He did not explain the delay or address the grief. He spoke over the report before it could settle into Jairus's spirit: do not be afraid, only believe. The voice of God has to be louder than the voice of the unbeliever.

That is a discipline you can build into your life. Reports will come, a diagnosis, a denial letter, a phone call you did not see coming, a hard word from someone you trusted. The unbeliever says it is dead. God says only believe. The unbeliever says call the funeral home. God says do not be afraid. Both voices will be in the room. The question is which one you answer last.

Here is the practice. Before you tell anyone, before you post it, before you rearrange your whole life around the bad news, speak back what God has already said. The voice you answer last is the voice you will follow. Give God the final word every single time.

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REFLECT

What report have you been letting speak louder than God this week?

What has God already said that you need to speak back over it, out loud, today?

PRAY

Father, so many voices are talking. Let Yours be the one I answer last. When fear says it is over, let me hear You say only believe, and let that be the word I build my day on. Amen.

DAY FIVE | FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Everybody Cannot Come in the Room

Some people are sincere in your pain but will ridicule your faith.

Mark 5:40 NKJV

"And they ridiculed Him. But when He had put them all outside, He took the father and the mother of the child, and those who were with Him, and entered where the child was lying."

When Jesus said the girl was only sleeping, the same people who had been weeping suddenly started laughing at Him. Their emotions flipped in an instant. And Jesus did not argue with the laughter. He removed it. He put them all outside and took only the father, the mother, and His own people into the room where the miracle was about to happen.

Everyone who cries with you cannot come in with you. Some people are completely sincere in your pain and still unable to believe with you for your breakthrough. That is not always a character flaw. It just means they cannot be in the room. Before God raises what you are believing Him for, He may need to clear the room around your hope.

So look honestly at who has access to what you are believing for. Who speaks life over it, and who keeps asking why you are still bothering the Teacher? You do not owe every voice a seat at the miracle. Protect the room where your faith is lying. Guard it like the fragile, holy thing it is.

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REFLECT

Who currently has access to your hope? Who speaks life, and who quietly kills it?

Whose voice may you need to lovingly move outside the room this season?

PRAY

Lord, give me wisdom about who I let near what I am believing for. Thank You for the ones who believe with me. Give me the courage to protect the room, without bitterness, so faith can rise. Amen.

Feed What God Wakes Up

The miracle is not the end of the assignment. It is the start of a new responsibility.

Mark 5:43 NKJV

"But He commanded them strictly that no one should know it, and said that something should be given her to eat."

The girl gets up and walks, and in the middle of everyone's amazement Jesus gives a strangely practical instruction: give her something to eat. The resurrection was not the finish line. It was the starting line of a new responsibility. What God raised, somebody now had to sustain.

That is the part we skip. We beg God to bring the thing back to life, and then we assume the work is done. But a restored prayer life still has to be fed daily. A restored relationship still has to be invested in. A resurrected calling still needs structure and discipline. God handles the resurrection. You handle the nourishment.

So as the week closes, think past the breakthrough you are believing for and ask what it will need the morning after it rises. Because what God wakes up, you have to feed. The miracle you will not nourish is a miracle you will watch weaken all over again. Do not just pray it back to life. Get ready to keep it alive.

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REFLECT

If God restored the very thing you have been believing for, what would it need daily to stay alive?

What is one practical way you will feed it this coming week, starting now?

PRAY

God, thank You that You do not just wake things up and walk away, and neither should I. Show me how to feed what You restore. Give me the discipline to sustain the miracle I have been praying for. Amen.

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A CLOSING WORD

Six days ago you named something you had already started to bury. You have carried it through every part of Jairus's story: fell at His feet, watched somebody else's miracle, heard the hard report, answered the right voice, cleared the room, and got ready to feed what rises. Now keep believing. The report only gets the last word if you quit before God is finished.

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