

## **Mark 5:21-24, 35-43 Tile: Faith in God and His Word is Essential**

**Introduction:** Someone asked Billy Graham the question, “What is biblical faith?” and Billy gave an answer in three steps:

1. You must believe that God exists, and that he loves you so much that he sent Jesus to save you.
2. You must trust completely that there is salvation in Jesus Christ.
3. You must put your life into his hands and believe that Jesus can save you.

**Context:** Jesus was on His way to Jairus’ house to heal his daughter; but he was delayed by a woman who by faith touched the hem of His clothes and she was healed. Just at that moment, news about the death of Jairus’ daughter was heard and so Jesus had to give attention to the two circumstances.

### **The two stories:**

1. Faith took Jairus from a life of fear to peace.
2. Faith took the woman from a life of suffering to healing.

### **Faith journey is like a spectrum.**

1. You know, Jesus was a good guy. Great teacher. Did some cool stuff. I like him. I’ll follow his teachings, but I won’t call him Lord.
2. Maybe Jesus is trustworthy. Maybe he isn’t. Maybe I’ll follow. Maybe I won’t.
3. Those who believe in Jesus fully, like Simon Peter who finally believed in Jesus as the Holy One of God.

“Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.” John 6:68-69 NRSV.

**Conclusion:** What can unlock the power of Jesus? Just this: personal need of a savior and the empty hands of faith.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”  
Matthew 11:28