

Don't Be Afraid! Just Believe!

Luke 8:22 - 9:17

- I. **Don't be afraid! Just believe—when you find yourself in a sudden furious storm (Luke 8:22-25).**
 - A. Jesus is always looking for faith, and fear is the thief trying to steal it (Hebrews 11:6; Romans 8:15; II Timothy 1:7).
 - B. Resting your faith on God's concern for you (Mark 4:35-41)
 - C. What exactly did Jesus want them to do?
 1. "Do you still have no faith" (Mark 4:40; Proverbs 17:3)?
 2. Speaking out and standing firm (Ephesians 6:10-13)

- II. **Don't be afraid; just believe—when the supernatural power of God scares and confuses you (Luke 8:32-39).**
 - A. The people were probably afraid that Jesus was some kind of "prince of demons" (Luke 8:35, 37; 11:14, 15).
 - B. If there is good fruit, keep your heart open and ask God to give you wisdom and confirmation (Luke 11:17-20).

- III. **Don't be afraid; just believe—when you feel completely unworthy to approach God (Luke 8:40-48).**
 - A. By touching Jesus, the woman actually made Jesus unclean (Leviticus 15:25-27).
 - B. This story is a beautiful picture of how faith in Jesus fulfills the law and causes power to flow from God (Luke 8:48).

- IV. **Don't be afraid; just believe—when it seems that the past cannot be fixed (Luke 8:49-56).**
 - A. What was going on in the mind of Jairus?
 - B. The right response to the barrenness of the past (Luke 1:18-20, 37-38)
 - C. "Everything is possible for him who believes" (Mark 9:21-24).

- V. **Don't be afraid; just believe—when there doesn't appear to be enough (Luke 9:1-2, 12-17).**
 - A. Your Father in heaven is ENOUGH (Matthew 6:6-11, 25-34; Luke 9:17)!
 - B. Releasing the Kingdom will always require overcoming inadequacy (Luke 9:3, 13; II Corinthians 12:9).
 - C. Miracles can take us toward or away from the Lord (Mark 8:14-21).

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