

Intro: One of my Grandmothers MANY sayings: "There are only two things in life that are sure: Death and Taxes!" Where I'm here to tell you that might be true...UNLESS Jesus is involved! When Jesus is present, even those unsure! You see, during His ministry, Jesus overcame them both! Mt 17: Taxes/Fish Luke 8:40ff Overcame Death! Read that account with me this morning, and let's learn why "Nothing Is Over Until Jesus Says It's Over!"

Read Luke 8:40-56

TRUTH TO LEAVE WITH: NOTHING IS OVER UNTIL JESUS SAYS IT'S OVER!

1. Jesus Is Never Too Busy For You.

Vs 45

- Jesus was on His way to a place He was desperately needed: Life and Death:
- Yet He stopped to help someone along the way!
- This is not the only time: You see this with many of His miracles: Jericho/Blind Man; Teaching/Roof; Pigs

WOMAN: We don't know the woman's motivation for secrecy: Shame; Unclean; Maybe she thought He was doing something more important; Mine is not that bad; It's been 12 years...but the little girl is dying!

JARIUS: We know that before Jesus arrived he got a message: Daughter is gone...Don't bother Him anymore! Either they thought: He CANT do anything...Or Jesus is too busy otherwise...it's too late: STOP!
Vs 35: Bother: Lit = *harass, irritate; distract Him*: He needs to move along to something important

APPLIC: Your issue may ONLY be your issue. It may NOT be life altering, life or death, chronic illness.

~Relationship

~Finances

~Health

~Job

Know This: If YOUR issue is important to YOU...Then it is important to Jesus! Because YOU are important to Him!

Matt 10: *Jesus sees when every single sparrow falls from the sky...and you are worth infinitely more to Him*

Luke 12: *Every head on your head is numbered*

SAY IT: Turn to your neighbor: "I MATTER to Jesus!" "He's NOT to busy for me!"

Yes, our world seems to be falling apart at the seams: Wars; Plagues, Tornado's, Earthquakes, BUT YOU MATTER!!!!

Ps 116:1-2 "I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live

2. Some People Just Gotta Go!

Vs 45, 49, Matt

I kept trying to find a nice, charitable, spiritually encouraging and uplifting way to say this. But I can't!

Some people in your life...those who are NOT spiritually minded, those who LACK faith in God, those who always see the NEGATIVE and never see the positive...You need to get them out of your life! Jesus Did! Loved them, Kicked Out!

Now, I'm not saying you now have permission to go home and tell your spouse: *You Gotta GO! Pastor Said So!*

What I AM saying, is that we all have people in our life that are NOT people of faith. They don't build you up...they tear you down. The glass is always half empty, God never loves you that much, you don't deserve good ...tell YOU!

- Peter: Vs 45: Jesus...what do you mean, "Who touched you?" EVERYBODY! Had NO SPIRITUAL SENSE
- Messenger: Vs 49 "Your daughter is dead; Don't bother the teacher any more!" NOT: ASK for help! NOT, maybe Jesus will do an amazing miracle (like woman) (Widow's Son) It's over; too late; too bad; move on!
- Mourners: Mt 9:24: Jesus Asked them to leave; To withdraw themselves
They LAUGHED at Him in Scorn!

Mt 9:25: He ejected them...He threw them out on their ear! (Throw a ball!)

Jesus REFUSED to let them stay and speak unbelief into Jarius life, his wife...into HIM!

If you have some of those...get RID of them! THEY GOTTA GO!

WHY? Matt 13:58 Nazareth Jesus did not do many miracles because of their unbelief!

APPLIC: I am Not a "Name it and Claim It" Kinda guy! I don't believe for a second God is obligated to do anything because of your "Faith" But I do know that when there is a LACK of faith, God chooses NOT to act! Jesus told us that many times, in many different ways.

Have not ask not

Keep on asking, knocking, Seeking

Seek and you shall find!

Bible is full of passages that tells us that God responds to the faith and trust of His people!

Because of that: Some People Just Gotta Go! Turn to your neighbor: They Gotta GO!!!!

3. All It Takes Is A Little Bit Of Faith!

Vs 28

Important: The issue you have to come to terms with is: It's not the size of your FAITH that matters...Size of your God! Jesus told us that! All you need is a LITTLE bit of faith in a GREAT BIG God!...And you will have everything you need!
Mt 17:20: "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed...you could say to the mountain...be moved to the sea!" GO!

Look at this! IMAGE OF MUSTARD SEED

- The Woman Had it: Mt 9:21 "If I could just touch the hem of His garment!"
Not: If He will Pray for Me: Not: If He will anoint me/Mud: Not Lay Hands On me: Not Even KNOW!
IF I CAN JUST TOUCH THE HEM OF HIS GARMENT...IF I CAN JUST GET CLOSE...BRUSH AGAINST IT! ALL I NEED!
- Jarius Had It: Vs 50 "Don't be afraid...Just Believe!" Lit – Just have FAITH!
How much did he have? *Don't know...He had enough to keep "Bothering Jesus"*
He had enough to walk with Him to His house How long was the journey: A LIFETIME! (Steph: Be Back)
He had enough to follow Jesus into the room where his daughter lay Ever walk with a Parent: I Have
He had enough to throw out the mourners Ever told people LEAVE!
He must have had enough...Because Just like Jesus said: He believed and she was healed!"

APPLIC: That's my message to you today...Take Jesus at His Word! "Don't be afraid; just believe!"

Listen to me: I don't care what the Dr's say: Believe! Don't care Friends say: Believe! Circumstances; People
IT'S NOT OVER UNTIL JESUS SAYS IT'S OVER! HE HAS THE FINAL WORD, HE IS THE AUTHORITY, HE ONLY ONE KNOWS!

Every person, every circumstance, every well meaning voice in your life can weigh in: You wait for what Jesus says!
Until Jesus says its over...it's not over!

4. No Problem Is Too Hard For Jesus!

I have been walking with Him for 46 or 47 years now, and I am here to TELL you...Jesus does the IMPOSSIBLE!
There is No situation He cannot improve: He will either make it better...or make YOU better because of it!
He can take the most awful situations and circumstances in this wicked, broken, sinful world...and redeem them!

- Woman: Mark: Suffered 12 years; spent everything she had; not getting better...getting worse! HOPELESS!
- Jarius: Daughter was dying...Got a message said: She is dead...she is gone HOPELESS!

Listen: I have walked with people in both of those situations: Multiple times! I KNOW what it feels like!
I have seen the look on their faces...Heard the cries of their heart, watched tears flow and despair overwhelm them

I am here to tell you...with everything in me: Nothing is too hard for God! He can REDEEM it...or RESTORE IT...USE IT
IT'S NOT OVER UNTIL JESUS SAYS IT'S OVER!

APPLIC: I told the staff when in our devotional time this week: This is a hard passage: Difficult message
I know! Some listening: Cancer: Some lost a loved one: Some relationship broken: Finances; Health

You may be one of the ones I'm thinking about: You have your own AWFUL right now: Feel Hopeless and Helpless
I'm not saying God is going to heal every disease...Solve every problem, Give you everything you want
I AM saying: If He doesn't...It for a good reason...and He will redeem, restore, revitalize and give you better...if you allow

Illus: At lunch after church a couple weeks ago...Saw a woman that had lost her husband 10 years ago...Grief: LIT UP!
Here is what she said to me... 70 yrs old and GLOWING LIKE A SCHOOL GIRL! "I HAVE A NEW LOVE IN MY LIFE!"

Listen to Me: It's not Over til Jesus says its over: Do you know WHY?
JESUS IS NOT DEFINED BY REALITY...JESUS DEFINES REALITY! Say it to friend: Jesus defines reality!

CONCL: I have amazing news for you today

- Jesus is not too busy to help you today...you just need to ask Him: (Altar/Prayer Tent)
- Some people gotta go! Don't be ugly...Don't be rude...don't be unloving: Don't let them continue to speak unbelief into your life!
- All you need is a LITTLE faith: You have it...Like Jarius: Don't be afraid: Believe: Walk with Jesus you will see
- No Problem is too hard: He can Restore, He can Redeem, He can Revive:
It's Not over until JESUS says its over....Come get what you need this morning at the altar: Come touch Hem!