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And now for 7829, The Miracles of Jesus, Part 14.

C. Elijah Bronner: Thank you for joining Brothers of the Word, because brother, you need the word. We welcome all of you joining us by television or Facebook Live, streaming us online in BrothersofTheWord.com. Welcome to today's service, always a wonderful delight and joy to have you to join us.

We'd like to share just a little humor. Three pastors were having lunch together at a diner. And the first pastor said, "You know, since summer started, I've been having trouble with mice in my church. I've tried everything; noise, spray, cats, nothing seems to scare them away." The second pastor then say, "Yeah, me too. I've got hundreds living in the basement of the church. I've set traps, even called an expert to get rid of them. Yet, they still won't go away." With a grand on his face, the third pastor said, "I had the same problem. So, I baptized all man and make them members of the church. They haven't been back since."

We're looking at a scripture today over in the gospel of -- that's kind of funny. Gospel of Mark, Chapter Five. And we're talking about The Miracles of Jesus, still talking about The Miracles of Jesus and this is Part 14, The Miracles of Jesus Part 14. And I'm just grateful that God is doing miracles in our midst. Anybody grateful about that God is doing miracles, God is doing miracles in our midst. Well, let's look at Mark, Chapter Five where verses 21 through 24. Then we're going to drop down and we're going to read verses 35 through 43. Mark, Chapter Five, let's go to verse 21.

And when Jesus was passed over again by ship unto the other side, much people gathered unto him: and he was nigh unto the sea. And, behold, their cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet. And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point

of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she maybe healed; and she shall live. And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him. Verse 35, "While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further? And as soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe. And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James. And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly. And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? The damsel is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying. And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee arise. And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment. And he charged them straitly that no man should know it; and commanded that something should be given her to eat.

So, we're talking about the miracles of Jesus, this is Part 14.

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In this particular account, this is the account of Jairus who was a ruler of the synagogue. So, he was kind of like -- I guess, he was kind of like a pastor. He was over the worship, he was over the worship services, he operated the school during the week, he was also in charge of the facilities, make sure the building was okay, taking care of. So, he was sort of like the pastor in charge there of the synagogue. And some scholars even believed that he might have been a judge. So, he might have served the one of the judicial courts as a judge. So, he was pretty high-ranking official when you're a ruler of the synagogue. And whenever you're a ruler of the synagogue, I guess Jairus was, most likely you have a strong affiliation to the Pharisees and the Pharisees probably pressured the rulers of the synagogue, it's not to support Jesus in anyway. So, he probably had pressure on him from the Scribes and Pharisees and not to be associated with Jesus and not to condone him or support him in anyway. But yet, he came to Jesus. You see in verse 22, he fell at his feet and he worshiped him. This

account is in Matthew, it's also in Mark, it's also in Luke. But one of the account has said that he worshiped him. He fell at his feet, he worshiped him.

And so, Jairus being a ruler of the synagogue, he fell at his feet. He was saying I'm a ruler but you are the ruler. I'm a ruler of the synagogue, but you are the ruler of the universe. And so, here's the ruler falling at the feet of the ruler, he worshiped him. So, some kind of way Jairus knew who this was, he worshiped him, even though his association and affiliation might have been against Jesus in this time of need, he had strong reverence, he worshiped him. Someone said that when you turn your worries into worship, God will turn your battles into blessings. And Jairus unlock that secret and he worshiped. He also had great importunity; he had the shameless persistent. He was begging, he was pleading, he was pleading for help. He had great humility in the way that he fell at his feet. Great humility. So, we see humility, we see importunity, we see reverence. Everybody says, "importunity, humility and reverence." He reverence God, he was amble before God and he had a shameless persistent request. And so, we see these keys here from Jairus. Then in verse 23, Jairus even made a statement of faith. Situation was very dire. He had told Jesus that his daughter was really at the point of death and he said I would want you to come. I like the fact that this is completely opposite of the centurion who said, "Don't come to my house, just say your word." Jairus said, "Come to my house." I like that. So, Jesus was willing to oblige. He met people where their faith was. So, when man didn't need him to come, he just said, "speak your word, my servant will be healed" but Jairus said, "I need you to come."

So, Jesus, he didn't look down on him for that. Jesus was simply willing to go with him and he followed him. But I love the declaration of faith Jairus did make though. He said, "you come" he said, "my little girl," and he had a little girl. The bible says she was 12 years old and she was his only daughter. So, she was very precious, and the father knows how precious the little girl is in the father's life and that was his only daughter. So, that was very precious, very precious to him. She was 12 years old and he made the statement of faith. He said, "If you come, lay your hands on her. She will live, she'll be healed and she will live." So, he actually told Jesus for what would happen, I like that. He told Jesus what would happen. That was his faith speaking, that was his belief speaking. He said, "you come, you lay your hands on

her, she'll be healed and she'll live." He declared; he spoke what would come in the past. I like that, he was a prophet of his own future, you have to learn to be the prophet of your own future. You're the prophet of your own life. You learn to speak life, learn to speak God's word. Learn to speak in line with life and he was a prophet of his own life. He prophesized to Jesus. He said, "You come, you lay your hands on my daughter. She'll be healed and she will live." He had already played it out. He had already seen it.

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He had already believed it. He knew it. You become the prophet of your own life. You are the prophet of your own life. Speak your own prophetic utterances concerning your future. Speak your own blessings over your life. Speak God's word to yourself concerning your family, concerning your household. You speak God's word. You speak concerning your own life. Stop waiting for somebody else to speak for you. You speak concerning your own life. You say, "I will live," and declare the goodness of the Lord. My house and I, we will serve God. We are blessed! We are blessed, and good things are happening to us! You have to speak concerning your own life. You prophesize. And this is what he did. Jairus actually told Jesus what would happen. He had already played it out. This was his faith speaking. I love that, I love that.

And then, we see in verse 23, we see compassion. Everybody, say compassion. We see compassion. The Bible says, Jesus went with him. I love that, I love that. Now, Jesus was a busy man. Jesus had itineraries, been at many cities at the same time. He was wanted all over the region. He was on a mission, he had assignments. In fact, he saith, disciples are here to setup meetings and make arrangements into other places that he would be going. So, Jesus was on a very tight schedule; he was always busy, he always had a mission. Jesus was a busy guy. But yet, when this request came, Bible says that Jesus went with them. I love that; that's compassion. That's compassion. Never be too busy to help people. Jesus reached out and he helped anyone in need. He reached out and he helped anyone in need. We see his willingness, we see his desire, we see his readiness, we see his longing. We see his grace and his love. He's always ready to show mercy. He's always ready to show kindness. He's always ready to show grace and compassion. He is disposed to do favors. He

not only is able; he actually wants to. God's not only able to do it, he wants to do it. We get a glimpse of the heart of God when you see the life of Jesus because Jesus said, "If you've seen me, you've seen the Father." And so, we get a glimpse of what God is like. God is not only all-powerful; God is all compassion. He is the God of comforting, God of compassion. And so, we get an opportunity to see that God's not only able to do it, he actually wants to do it. It's a joy, it's a pleasure, it's a delight. He is willing. And we see that in Jesus. Jesus didn't say a word; he just went right with them. Sir, lead the way, I'm following you home. That's the heart of God. Give God some praise there. Good is good! God is good! He is willing! He wants to! He enjoys blessing us! He enjoys doing good for us. He enjoys delivering us. He enjoys doing miracles in our lives on our behalf. It's a joy. It's a joy to him. Never be too busy to help someone. The extent of your influence depends on the depth of your concern for others. And this is why Jesus has such influence. It was because of his depth of concern for others. Always be others-minded. Always be, everybody says, others-minded. Always be others-minded. We live in a very selfish world. Give mind for me, mine, getting all, I can. You know, always be others-minded. Always be others-minded. Jesus was always others-minded, others-minded. John Maxwell said, he said, "the measure of your success is not the number of people who serve you, but the number of people you serve." That's the measure of your success. Always be others-minded. Live, love, matter. That's your mantra for life. That's your mantra for living. Live, love, matter.

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Say it with me. Live, love, matter. You matter when you make a difference in someone else's life. You matter when your others-minded, and Jesus was others-minded.

I like something that Bishop Dale, I heard him say this recently. He used the acronym HOPE. He said if you want to bring hope to the world, H-O-P-E, Help One Person Every day. That's how you bring hope to the world. Help one person every day. That's being others minded. That's living, that's loving. That's mattering. And Jesus lived this way, Jesus lived this way. Look at verse 36. Now as they were walking toward Jairus' house, Jairus' people came, some of his servants and so forth came, and said, it's over. Don't trouble the Master anymore, no need of him coming now. Your daughter's dead. Now, I'm sure this hit Jairus

like a brick, you know, he's probably dazed, he's probably stunned here at this news. He doesn't quite know how to respond. He's trying to gather himself; he's trying to figure, I was coming to get Jesus, save my daughter, and now get the news she's dead. What do I do? You know, he's in a place where he's trying to gather himself, figuring out what to do now. Jesus sees it and realizes. Jesus said, don't be afraid, only believe. Fear paralyzes us. Fear robs us from God's best. Fear keeps us from exploring many of life's wonderful experiences. Fear hinders us from broadening our horizons. Fear keeps us from believing and from achieving and for reaching. Fear keeps us from pursuing, and so this is why Jesus said, don't fear, don't be afraid, only believe. Only believe. Only believe. Believing opens up possibilities. Believing is confidence, that's trust in him. Believing is bold and daring. You have to be bold and daring to believe, especially in the middle of an impossible scenario and situation. It takes bold and daring faith. But she's already dead. But Jesus said, only believe! That's a bold faith, even in the face of death, only believe. Only believe. That lets us know -- as people of God, we're to have bold and daring faith. Even when all circumstances look contrary, even when it looks impossible, that's when you turn on the power to believe. If everything looks okay, there's no need to believe, you can see it. It's when you can't see it, when you can't realize it, it's when you need to turn on the powers of belief. That's when you need faith in God, faith in Christ. Someone said, just because a storm is present, doesn't mean God is absent. Jesus was with him when he got this news. Think about that. He got the news and Jesus was with him. Just because a storm is present in your life, doesn't mean God's absent. He's right there with you. He's right there with you. Don't be afraid, only believe. Don't be afraid, only believe. All things are possible to him that believeth. All things are possible with God. Praise God.

Now look at this next verse here. Look at verse 37, verse 40. In verse 37 and 40, when they get to the house, Jesus, he stops the crowd. Jesus stops the crowd, and Jesus is very selective at this point who goes with him into the house. He stops the crowd, he only takes Peter, he only takes James, and he only takes John. When he gets inside, he grabs the father and the mother. He puts everybody else out, especially those people who laughed at him, who scorned him. He didn't argue with them, he just put them out. So, don't argue with people, just put them out. And so, Jesus walked in, and he said, now, the people were in there just putting on, because this was a young child. Everybody was bawling out,

crying. And there was just – and on top of that, back in these days, if you didn't wail and make a lot of noise, it was actually disrespectful. So, when somebody died, you showed your respect by bawling and wailing and really making a lot of noise. In fact, families would hire professional mourners to really do it right. So, there were women who that was their full-time profession, was to go to funerals and cry. That was their full-time profession. So, you have professional folk here, man, and they were putting on a show.

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Jesus said, why are you all putting on all of this? She's just asleep. She's just asleep. And they start laughing at Jesus. And Jesus put them out. He said, don't let the door hit you on your way out. But Jesus only pulled in Peter, James and John, he pulled in the parents. That says to us having an inner circle of people who positively impact your life. Have an inner circle of people who positively impact your life. Be around people who build you, encourage you, who add value to you. People who believe in you. People who bring out the best in you. People who want you to succeed. People who recognize your worth, your value. People who influence you to improve. People who calls you to have greater confidence and faith. People who make you a better person. Be around people who inspire you. You have to ask yourself this question: Who do I need to add to my life? Who do I need to subtract from my life? Who do I need to spend more time with? Who do I need to spend less time with? And that's what you saw Jesus do. Jesus purged the crowd. And he had a select inner circle. He had a select inner circle. John represented love, Peter represented faith, James represented power. And so, Jesus went in with faith, love and power. That's a good three to go with you in there, when you go in to raise the dead. He went with faith, love and power, Peter, James and John. And so, Jesus was very selective about his inner circle. He was selective. And so that teaches us to spend time with people who inspire you, people who make you better. People that you can confide in. People that you can be honest with. People who would tell you the truth about yourself. People who would be a voice of reason to you. People who would strengthen you when you're weak and encourage you when you're down. People you can laugh with and enjoy life with. People who are positive. People who are encouraging. So, you want to make sure that you put the right team, the right people around you. People who will believe. He

brought believers with him. He put out the doubters. He brought in the believers. You have to put out the doubters. The lesson is, you know, you have to put some things out of your life. Put fear out of your life. Put doubt and unbelief out of your life. Put negativity out of your life. And so, there are a lot of things it teaches us. Here are some things I learned from just the people he put out.

Number one, stop negativity. Number two, move beyond your limiting beliefs. Number three, add value to others. And number four, embrace the positive vision for your life. I learned those four things just from the people he put out. Because they did the opposite of these four things. Stop negativity, move beyond your limiting beliefs, add value to others, and embrace a positive vision for your life. That's what Jesus did. And so, he brought in his inner circle. He simply went in, grabbed the girl by the hand, and said, "young lady, arise." Awake from your nap. And her spirit came back into her body. Jesus turned to her parents and said, "give her something to eat. She had a long nap." So, for the believer, death is simply sleep. That's why Jesus didn't even want to use the word death. He did the same thing when he raised Lazarus. He said, "he's just asleep." In Jesus' mind, because Jesus can see the other side. Jesus knows the other side, he's from the other side. He knows that, to the believer, death is simply sleep. It means that you're recovered on the other side. You're awake, you're awake. And so, he knew this young girl wasn't going to be asleep long. And that's why he referred to it as sleep. Praise God. Didn't they give you a whole bunch of believer man to know that there's no fear of death! There's no fear of death, no fear of death. No fear of death. Praise God, praise God. Amen. Now, I want to read something to you. I've been reading lately, and one of Smith Wigglesworth's books. Smith Wigglesworth, I like him because his life was just filled with miracles. He lived about a hundred years ago, but he operated on the power of God. The anointing was on his life so strong that some accounts said that he raised four people from the dead. Some accounts said he raised even up to 20 people from the dead, including his own wife. His wife died while he was out of town. I'm sorry, she was out of town. And they flew his wife in, laid her in his bed. Smith Wigglesworth went into the room. He commanded the spirit of death to leave her, his wife sat up in bed and talked to him for four hours. She said, "Smith, why did you call me back? I was already in glory." They talked for four hours, and he let her go. She lay back down.

And so, he had such a powerful command in the realm of miracles, in dealing with the spirit of God. One time, he was walking by a funeral parlor. He went in, a man was laying in an open coffin. Smith went in and grabbed the man out of the coffin and threw him against the wall, and “I said, live.”

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The man slid down, Smith picked him back up, threw him against the wall. He said, “I said, live.” The man slid down. Smith did it a third time, same thing happened. Fourth time, Smith threw him against the wall, and he said, “I said live.” The man started coughing, came back to life. Now, some of you all would have left the funeral parlor. Well, he just had so many unusual – he had so many unusual miracles. And the funny part about it was, Smith was a plumber. He was a plumber. He was an Englishman, he was a plumber, and he’s just an ordinary guy with the power of God own his life. The power of God own his life. He would do unusual miracles. And I remember one instance, they brought a sick baby to him. Smith Wigglesworth had the baby on the floor, and he just kicked the baby off the platform. And when the baby landed, it was healed. Isn’t that amazing? And so, he did all type of unusual miracles. There would be women who would come, and Smith was just haul off and hit the women in the stomach, hard as he could. And they would be healed. He was knocking the cancer out of them. Literally knocking the cancer out of them. And so, he did all types of unusual miracles. But it was all about the power of God, all about the spirit of God. All as God. And so, I was reading one account, and I brought it to read it to you, but I don’t have time to read it. But he was going to a young lady’s house to administer – this woman had been given one day to live. She had one day to live. The doctor had come to the home, told her husband. He said, “this is the last day your wife would be alive.” And so, he managed to get Smith Wigglesworth. And so, Smith said he called a couple of his buddies to go with him to pray. And he sent his two buddies who came to pray with him, the first man prayed and said, “Lord, comfort this husband as his wife dies.” Smith heard that, he said, “oh man, that’s filled with unbelief there. You know, that’s not the prayer I was looking for.” Because he was coming to try to raise the woman up, to keep her from dying. And so, he said, “I’m going to ask my second friend to pray.” And so, the second friend, he started praying, and his prayer was just as bad. And Smith

said, “well, then I’m not even going to pray.” Smith jumped up, and he said as he had this feeling over with him. He went to the woman, and he said, “the moment he got over her bed, Jesus was standing there.” And he said “Jesus was smiling.” And Smith simply said to the woman, “Jesus Christ of Nazareth makes you whole.” The woman got up, put her clothes on, and she was completely healed. Folks! That’s the power of God. That’s the power of God, that’s the anointing of Jesus. Jesus is still in the healing business. He’s still doing miracles in our midst. Stand on your feet, I’m out of time. Praise God, Amen. Amen, Amen. Amen.

Don’t be afraid, only believe. Let’s pray. Father, we just thank you so much. Thank you for your healing power. We thank you for your word. We thank you for the anointing of Jesus. We thank you for the Holy Spirit. Thank you for working powerfully in our lives. Use us, Lord, to be a blessing in this world today. And we thank you for your anointing and your Spirit and your power. We don’t fear, Lord. We only believe. And this in Jesus’ name we pray. Let every heart say, Amen.

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