

Faith Over Fear

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"While he was still speaking, someone from the ruler's house came and said, 'Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more.'⁵⁰ But Jesus on hearing this answered him, 'Do not fear; only believe, and she will be well.'⁵¹ And when he came to the house, he allowed no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child.⁵² And all were weeping and mourning for her, but he said, 'Do not weep, for she is not dead but sleeping.'⁵³ And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead.⁵⁴ But taking her by the hand he called, saying, 'Child, arise.'⁵⁵ And her spirit returned, and she got up at once. And he directed that something should be given her to eat.⁵⁶ And her parents were amazed, but he charged them to tell no one what had happened."
(Luke 8:49-56 ESV)

Cultivate the climate of faith.

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"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." (Hebrews 11:6 NKJV)

Separate from and isolate the climate of fear.

"Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, 'Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping.'⁵³ And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead.⁵⁴ But He put them all outside..." (v. 52-54 NKJV)

*"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."
(2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV)*

Trust in the promises and power of God.

"He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.² I will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.'³ For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.⁴ He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.⁵ You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,⁶ nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday." (Psalms 91:1-6 ESV)

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Obey the call of God.

"And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.' Amen." (Matthew 28:18-20 NKJV)

"And He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.¹⁶ He who believes and is baptized will be saved...¹⁸ they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.'" (Mark 16:15-16, 18 NKJV)