

Faith Over Fear

Part two of the series, "Hope Alive: In Us and For Others"

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"While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, 'Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher.'⁵⁰ But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, 'Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well.'⁵¹ When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl.⁵² 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, took her by the hand and called, saying, 'Little girl, arise.'⁵⁵ Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat.⁵⁶ And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened." (Luke 8:49-56 NKJV)

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..." (Luke 8:52-54 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)

Internalize the PROMISES of God.

"He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.² I will say of the LORD, 'He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust.'³ Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler And from the perilous pestilence.⁴ He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler.⁵ You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day,⁶ Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday." (Psalm 91:1-6 NKJV)

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)