

GAME CHANGERS

Part 3: Following Jesus' Lead

Text: Hebrews 13:8 NKJV

WHEN A BAD SITUATION BECAME WORSE (Mark 5:22-23, 35-43 NKJV)

- ❖ Don't be afraid
 - ◆ Jesus asked Jairus not to give into fear
 - ◆ Then told him what to do as a substitute
- ❖ Only believe
 - ◆ Believe what he (Jairus) had originally said about Jesus
 - ◆ Believe that Jesus could still do something about this situation
- ❖ Jesus created boundaries
 - ◆ He only took three disciples with Him - and told 9 guys no
 - ◆ He put out those who would hinder what He had to do
- ❖ Jesus dealt with the horrible situation differently
 - ◆ He said she was sleeping
 - ◆ He did not talk about her being dead He spoke life
 - ◆ Told them to give her something to eat - cared about even the little things

LEARNING FROM JESUS / FOLLOWING HIS LEAD

- ❖ Recognize that fear hinders God's plan
 - ◆ Fear kept the first generation out of the promised land
 - ◆ A big game changer is not allowing fear to dominate you (**2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV**)
- ❖ Choose to believe
 - ◆ We often have to believe in the face of fear
 - ◆ Believe what God says in His word (**Romans 10:17 NKJV**)
 - ◆ God gives you a reason not to fear (**Hebrews 13:5-6 NKJV**)
- ❖ Boundaries can be a good thing
 - ◆ You don't have to say yes to everyone and everything to be a good Christian (**Philippians 1:9-10 NKJV**)
 - ◆ OK to create space between those who mock your faith and your Lord (**Romans 12:17-18 NIV**)
- ❖ God can breathe life into a situation that appears dead
 - ◆ Don't kill things with your words (**Proverbs 18:21 NKJV**)