

## *“A Father’s Deepest Despair”*

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*Despite the beauty of the day and the cool of the night, he had slept restlessly, awakening over and over in the night. It was no surprise, Jairus noted as he opened his eyes that his wife was not in bed. He made his way to “the room” that had become so familiar to him the past couple of weeks. As expected, there was his wife at the bedside of his only daughter, her hand clasped around the tiny hand of his daughter. Servants attended the two figures; great sadness filled the room. His wife’s eyes were reddened by the endless flow of tears in the night coupled with lack of sleep, lack of hope. “Any change?” he asked. “None” was the soft expected reply. But what could he do? Even the best doctors had failed in their feeble attempts.*

He had prayed until hope was gone. How do you pray when your little girl is dying; your precious daughter, your only child? And He knew how to pray, for he was a synagogue ruler in the town of Capernaum. Yet his prayers did not seem to effect any change in the situation.

But suddenly an idea flashed in his head! Would it, could it possibly help? Jesus, that young teacher he had seen in the synagogue several weeks ago. He had listened to this man’s teachings that day. It was rumored that Jesus was able to heal sickness. And He had taught with such authority and conviction too! Suddenly, Jairus no longer cared about his high official reputation in the synagogue. He would seek out this Jesus as a last effort to help his dying daughter! Time was precious. He mumbled an excuse to his wife, hurried out of the room, dressed quickly and left the house. He would locate that master teacher, even if he had to search all of Capernaum.

But Jesus was having a busy day; crowds of people thronged Him as he returned to Capernaum. At last Jairus located Him. Leaving all protocol behind, the religious leader broke through the crowd and threw himself down at Jesus feet, weeping in desperation, *“Master, please come quickly, my only daughter is dying!”*

Jesus quickly agreed to come. But as He and His disciples followed Jairus toward his home, suddenly Jesus stopped. A question arose over a woman who had apparently touched only the hem of His garment. The disciples impatiently urged their master to go on, but Jesus stopped in His tracks. Unknown to the disciples or the crowd around them was that this lady had a life-and-death uncontrolled bleeding disorder. Of course Jesus knew all about her condition and had singled her out. The lady timidly owned up to touching Jesus garment, desperately hoping



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this might have some healing effect. With great authority Jesus announced to her, *“Daughter, be of good comfort; your faith has made you whole.”*

However, more precious time had gone by while Jesus and His disciples once again tediously worked their way through the endless crowd of people. After what seemed to be a painfully long time, they arrived at the door of Jairus’ house. But as they approached the home a servant ran to meet them giving them the somber news: *“Trouble the master no further, your daughter is dead.”* Undaunted, Jesus declared, *“Do not fear. Only believe and she will be whole.”* He then motioned for only three of His disciples to follow him inside. Jairus opened the door and led them to his daughter’s room. Mourners were now in the room along with his wife. In the midst of intense sorrow Jesus boldly declared, *“Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping.”* The mourners’ “sorrow” quickly turned to mocking laughter. Jesus taking immediate charge, pushed the mourners out of the room. There was only the father, the mother, Jesus and His three disciples then present.

Jesus then took the girl’s hand in His, commanding with authority: *“Maiden, arise!”* She opened her eyes and sat up! He then instructed the parents, *“Give her food to eat.”* And they responded quickly. Finally, His departing word to them was, *“Do not tell anybody what was done here today!”*

Now if you were those parents, would you keep this a secret? And just think of all those professional mourners, now out of a job! They would certainly see the little girl alive again. Luke, who was *not* present in that room tells this story of the little girl who was brought back to life -Luke 8:40-56. Somebody talked! Remember, Jesus declared that He is *“The resurrection and the life”* – John 11:25-26. No one dies or stays dead in Jesus’ presence!

Now isn’t this a great “Father’s Day” message!? We should be praying for our children and grandkids, for health, protection and spiritual health too, in knowing Jesus, the ONE who is the RESURRECTION and the LIFE!

Fathers must be proactive in a strategy to exercise patience at all times. Practically speaking, this means we must:

- \* Speak calmly to our children;
- \* Take time to answer their questions and concerns;
- \* Allow them to disagree with us;
- \* Be patient when they make mistakes;
- \* Don't get upset over the trivial;
- \* Work around their schedule;
- \* Be ready to receive them after a crisis;
- \* Look for the positive to affirm in them after they fail;
- \* Never, never, never give up on them.

- Ken R. Canfield, "It Takes Patience" New Man, July/August, 1997

## *favorite* RECIPES

### **“Easy Chicken Pot Pie”**

- 1 (10.5 oz.) Can Cream of Chicken Soup
- $\frac{1}{2}$  Cup Milk
- $\frac{1}{4}$  tsp. Pepper
- 1 (8 oz.) pkg. frozen Mixed Vegetables, thawed
- 3 lg. Chicken Breasts cooked and diced.
- 1 (4  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz) tube of refrigerated Biscuits.

Mix Soup, Milk and Pepper. Add Mixed Vegetables and cooked Chicken. Spoon into lightly greased 8" square baking dish. Separate Biscuits and cut into small pieces. Arrange over Chicken-Vegetable mixture. Bake at 450 degrees for 20 minutes or until golden brown and bubbly on top. Cover loosely with foil after 10 minutes to prevent over-browning the Biscuit topping. Yum!



Plumbing Tips: A moderately clogged drain can usually be unclogged if you pour in it a ½ cup of baking soda followed by a ½ cup of vinegar. Caution: These two ingredients interact with foaming and fumes, so replace the drain cover loosely. Flush with hot water after three hours or after overnight.

Greasy drains usually respond to this treatment: Pour in a half cup of salt and ½ cup of baking soda followed by a pot of boiling water; allow hot water mixture to sit in drain pipe overnight if possible.

Remember, when using a plunger to unclog toilet or drain: Make sure water is covering bottom cap of plunger to create suction. Plunger works best when pulling upward, not pushing down. Pushing will only impact clog, while pulling upward will hopefully dislodge the clog, allowing liquid to wash behind and create an opening in passageway. Hot water in drain works better than cold water for unclogging. Commercial drain cleaners are hazardous and can damage pipes, eyes and skin.

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*“Train up a child in the way he should go;  
and when he is old, he will not depart  
from it” –Proverbs 22:6*

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### ***Rev. David J. Bauer's Director's Itinerary***

- June 4 First Baptist Church of Downers Grove, IL  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- June 11 Devon Church. Chicago, IL  
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
- June 18 New Life Bible Church, Twin Lakes, WI  
10:30 a.m. worship Service

#### **Lighter Side: “Men Are Seldom Depressed”**

What do you expect from such simple creatures?  
Your last name stays put.  
The garage is all yours.  
Wedding plans take care of themselves.  
Chocolate is just another snack.  
You can wear a white T-shirt to a water park.  
You can wear NO shirt to a water park.  
Car mechanics tell you the truth.  
You never have to drive to another gas station restroom because this one is just too icky.  
You don't have to stop and think of which way to turn a nut on a bolt.  
Wrinkles add character.  
Wedding dress-\$5000. Tux rental-\$100.  
One mood all month long.  
You only have to shave your face.  
A five-day vacation requires only one suitcase.  
You can open all your own jars.  
If someone forgets to invite you, he or she can still be your friend.  
Your underwear is \$9.95 for a three-pack.  
Three pairs of shoes are more than enough.  
Everything on your face stays its original color.  
The same hairstyle lasts for years, even decades.  
You can do shorts no matter how your legs look.  
You can 'do' your nails with a pocket knife.  
You have freedom of choice concerning growing a mustache.

#### **BRM Field Report #6**

There has been a lot of business going on in and around our office in Countryside, Illinois. A variety of calls have kept us going in several directions.

Dolores and I enjoyed ourselves on a recent trip to Argyle Bible Church, down near Macomb, Illinois. BRM was one of over a dozen mission agencies represented during the weekend. We were able to present our ministry and interact with many missionary reports given there on Saturday and Sunday. It is a joy to hear what our God is doing around the world! Kind of gives us perspective.

A church to the far north of us is looking for a pastor to replace an old pastor who recently went to be with the Lord. An Associate Pastor has stepped up to the plate, but cannot get the required vote needed for him to be Senior Pastor.

A young pastor is undecided whether or not to take the pastoral position full time, as it would mean leaving the security of his secular day job. This is one big decision many men must prayerfully face.

Yet another announcement of a Senior Pastor leaving a church where he is well loved, to assume a position offered to him by a well known school where pastors are trained regularly.

At least three churches are looking for a senior lead pastor where multi staff is involved. Such a pastor is rare indeed. Maybe it would be best to review other staff members for the job. Though a youth pastor or associate pastor may not have experience as lead pastor, at least they have some multi-staff experience. Just how does a lead pastor get this experience without actually doing the job?

We recently heard of a pastoral candidate who, after interviewing and spending a week with the board and congregation, turned down the position, apparently because he received two “no” votes when the congregation affirmed him. Disappointing! How many “no” votes might the Apostle Paul have gotten? Paul was not always well received...

Sincerely,

Rev. David J. Bauer Psalm 37:4-5

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