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**Topic: Life of Christ: Be Not Afraid**

Scripture Text: Mark 5:35-43

1. Since the fall of man, fear has come to every man in this world. We have different kinds of fear in life but they are very real. In the Bible passage, we have the account of the news that came to Jairus that his daughter who was very sick was now dead. Jairus came to Jesus for help but it seemed it was too late.
2. The Lord Jesus told Jairus to stop being afraid, and only believe His word and that his daughter would be made whole. The root cause of fear is doubt. Doubt comes to us because we believe on the words of men. If we live our lives based on our physical 5 senses and walk by sight, then we will live a life of fear.
3. We must make choices in fear. For Jairus, he is to believe Jesus' words to know He is God with the power to raise the daughter from the dead. He must live by faith. If he believed the words of men then he will continue to be afraid.
4. The people laughed Jesus in scorn at His words. Thank God the 3 disciples Peter, James and John, and Jairus and his wife chose to believe in Jesus and trust His Words. They stayed with Jesus and witnessed the power of Jesus to make the daughter whole.
5. We must believe in the Word of God and live a life of faith trusting only in Jesus. He has the power to help us overcome our fear. The Lord Jesus wants followers who have faith in Him as the true God and Saviour.