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Hebrews 11:1, NT p. 388

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- Hebrews 11:1: Now faith is the **assurance** of things hoped for, the **conviction** of things not seen.
- But faith is about more than just facts.



- Mark 5:21 (ESV) And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea.



- Mark 5:22-24 (ESV) 22 Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet 23 and implored him earnestly, saying, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live.” 24 And he went with him.



- 12 year old daughter
 - parents had tried all means possible to help daughter... prayer, doctors
 - desperate and frustrated
 - last place to turn... Jesus
- Implored him earnestly
 - Why did he come?
 - Why did he plead?
 - What was his hope?
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- What did he know?
 - People were talking about what Jesus did!
- Jesus had healed a man with an unclean spirit in a synagogue (Mark 1:23, 28). Fame spread.
- Jesus healed many with sickness (1.34), all night long
- Moved with pity, healed leper (1.41)
- Healed a paralytic (2:5)
 - Jesus saw their faith



- Healed a man with a withered hand in a synagogue (3:5)
- Healed a man who had a demon (5:13)
- Jesus was this man's hope for a cure that none



- Mark 5:24 (ESV) 24 And he went with him. And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him.



- Mark 5:25-28 (ESV) 25 And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, 26 and who had **suffered much** under many physicians, and had **spent all** that she had, and was **no better but rather grew worse**.
- 27 She had **heard the reports about Jesus** and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment.
- Jesus was her only hope for a cure.



- 28 For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well."
- 29 And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.



- 30 And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my garments?”
- 31 And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, ‘Who touched me?’”



- 32 And he looked around to see who had done it.
- 33 But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth.



- 34 And he said to her, “Daughter, **your faith has made you well**; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”
 - Do you see her faith too?



- 35 While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?"
- 36 But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "**Do not fear, only believe.**"
- 37 And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James.



- **“Do not fear, only believe.”**
 - great challenge to faith.
 - Fact: DEAD IS DEAD
 - It’s not curable.
- Fear may easily defeat hope...
 - Focus becomes what is impossible in our eyes and experience
- Believe requires that I trust
 - when it may not make sense.
 - because we of what we know about the one who has the power and compassion



- This is why the Scriptures are so important... they teach us of God who is powerful and faithful.
 - We can depend on Him.



- 38 They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. 39 And when he had entered, he said to them, “Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping.” 40 And they **laughed** at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was.



- 40 And they **laughed** at him.
- This is a common reaction to those who have faith... it is scorned by those who think they know the score.
- And it's another reason that sometimes its hard to keep faith.



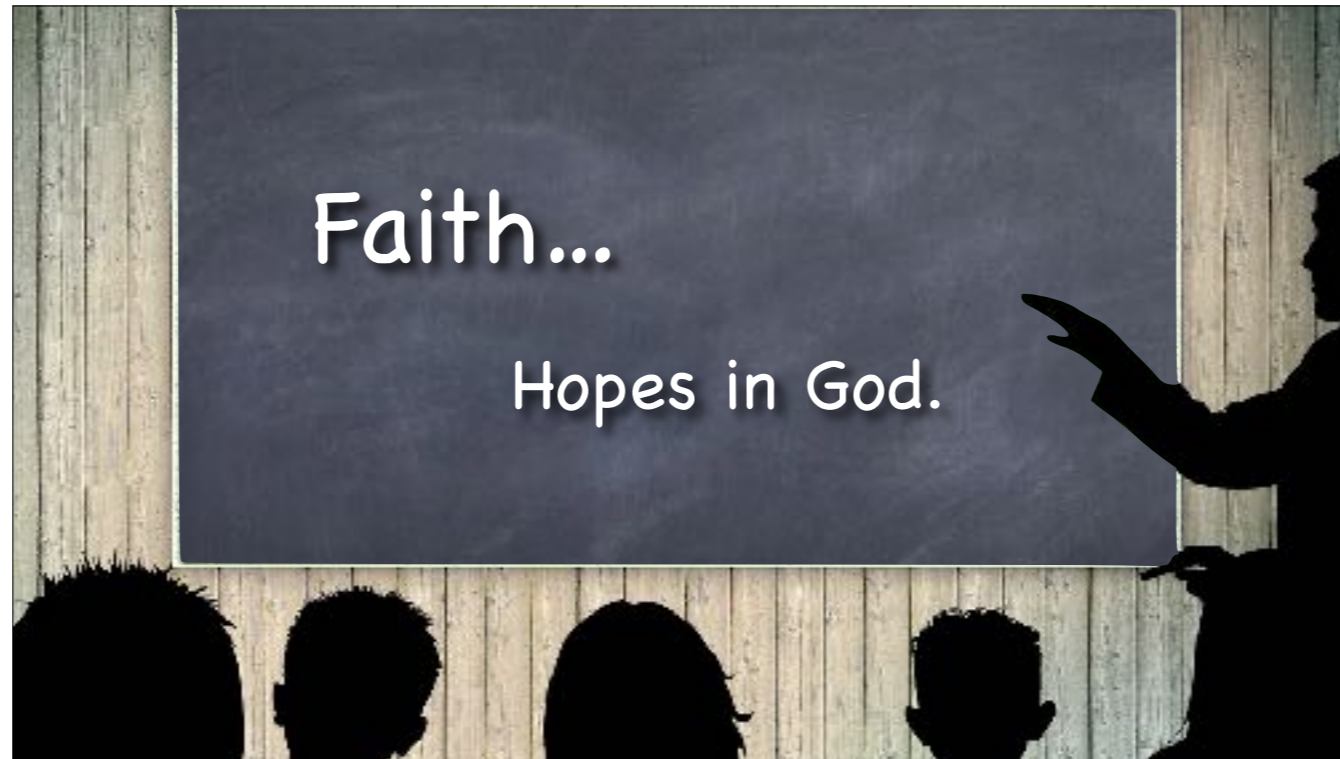
- 41 Taking her by the hand he said to her, “Talitha cumi,” which means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise.”



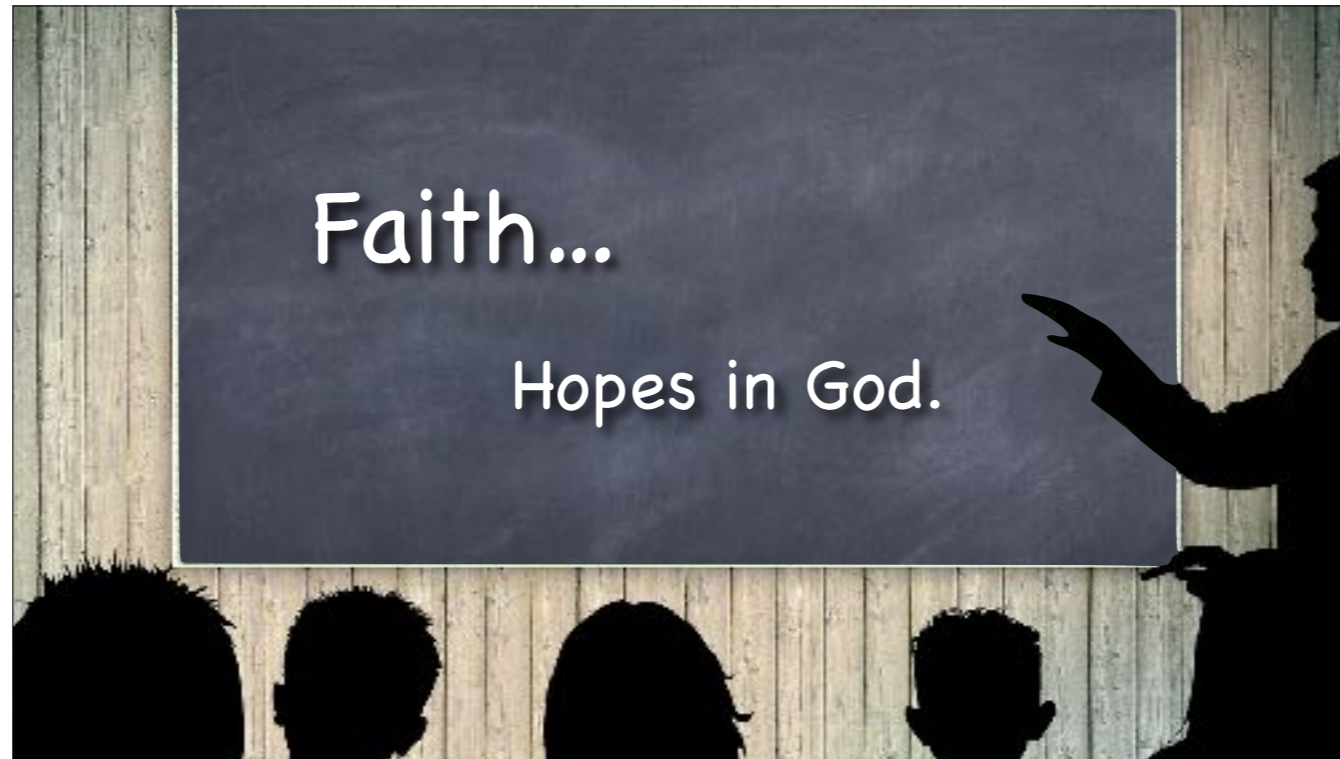
- Mark 5:42-43 (ESV) 42 And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and **they were immediately overcome with amazement.** 43 And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.



- **they were immediately overcome with amazement.**
- Why?
 - Did they really believe?
 - Did they really hope?
- Yes....
 - But this was **more** than they had expected



- Hopes in God
 - They had tried all the usual solutions: doctors, etc.
 - It's easy to despair, to give up, when nothing works
- Have to look beyond the norm



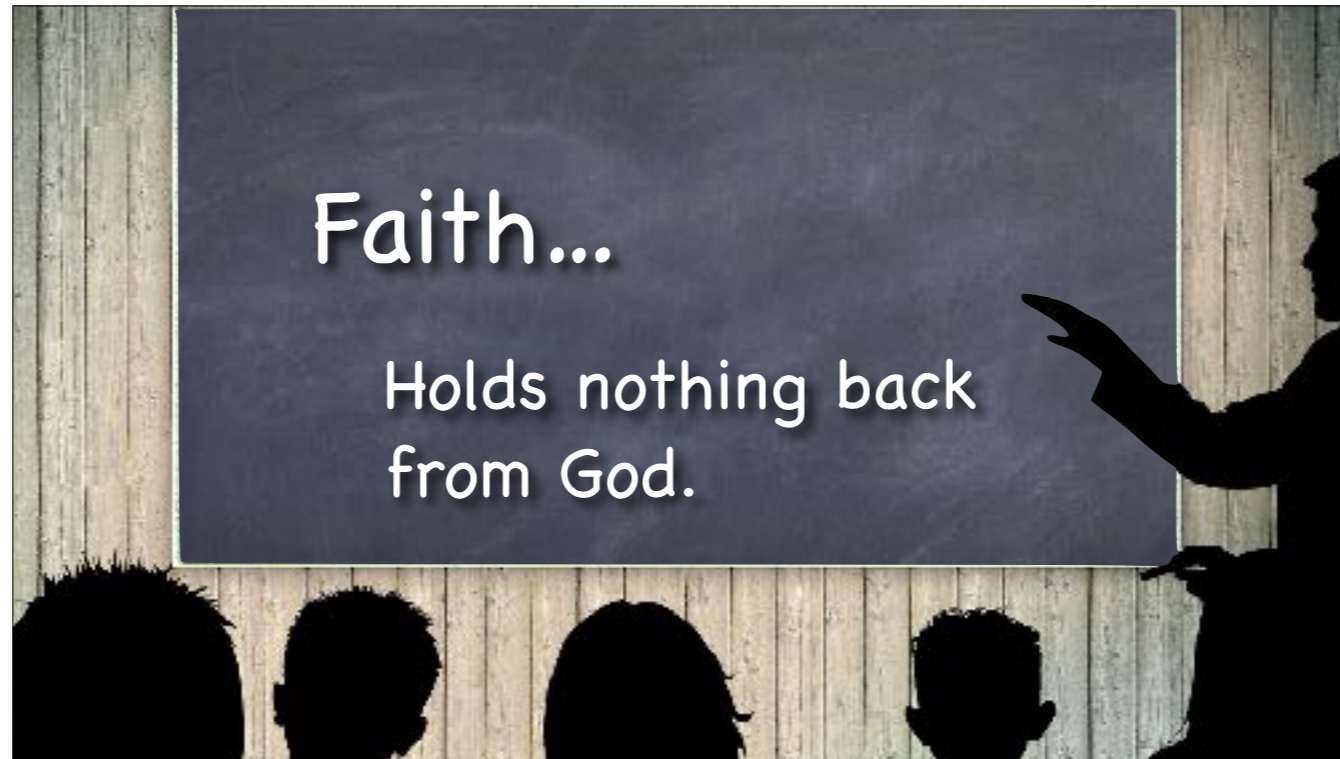
- We're all going to die...
 - What's your hope then?
 - Jesus's resurrection is a LIVING HOPE.
- 1 Peter 1:3: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,



- Seeks God
 - Jarius sought help from Jesus when all else had failed and he was desperate.
 - The woman sought help from Jesus when all else had failed and things were getting worse.
- Sometimes we don't really seek God until life becomes difficult / unbearable



- We all have a disease that we cannot cure... SIN.
- Men have looked and looked for ways to save ourselves... all have failed miserably
- Seek
 - The one who loves you and has the compassion to save you.
 - The one who has the power and plan to save you.
 - The one who has sacrificed himself so that you can be saved.



- Holds nothing back from God
 - Jairus: (no pride kept)
 - 22 rulers of the synagogue,
 - he fell at his feet
 - implored him earnestly
 - Woman (fear didn't stop)
 - 33 came in fear and trembling and
 - fell down before him and
 - told him the whole truth.
- Humble yourself
- Be Truthful about your situation and the help you need.



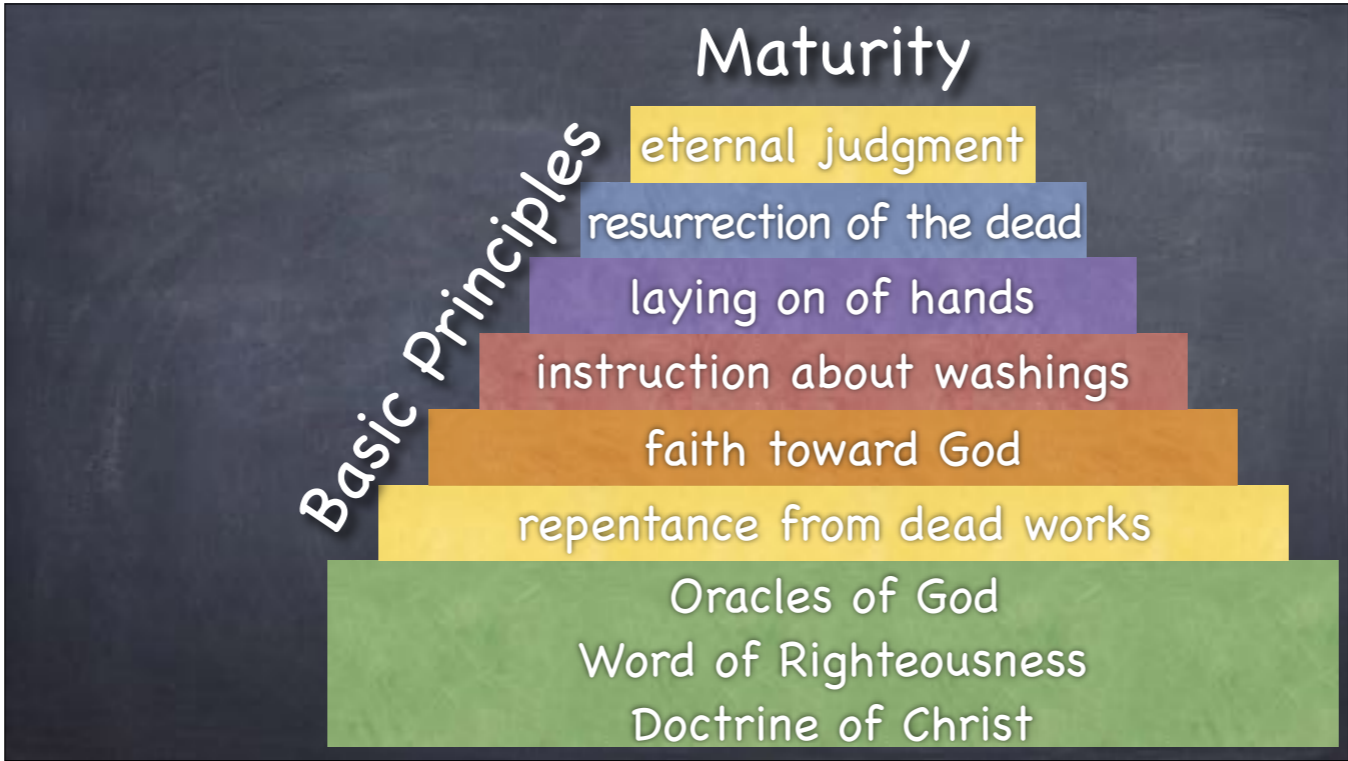
- Pleases God
 - Woman was healed
 - Jairus daughter healed.
- God wants to help you!



- Only believe
 - Hope
 - Seek
 - Don't hold back

**We implore you on
behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:20



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Only Believe

Mark 5:21-43

Synopsis: There's more to faith than just knowing the truth. In this lesson, we'll see from two of Jesus healings that faith hopes in God, seeks God, holds nothing back from God and pleases God.

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