

Jairus: A Humble Father

Today's story is about a father who came to Jesus needing help. This man's name is Jairus. He was a ruler of the synagogue, which is a place where people worshiped. Jairus's 12-year-old daughter was very sick. One day, he came and fell at Jesus' feet, pleading with him to come to his house because his only daughter was dying. When Jesus arrived at the house of Jairus, he did not let anyone go in with him except Peter, John and James, and the child's father and mother. Meanwhile, all the people were wailing and mourning for her. "Stop wailing," Jesus said, "She is not dead but asleep." They laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But he took her by the hand and said, "My child, get up!" Her spirit returned, and at once she stood up. Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat. Her parents were very surprised, but he ordered them not to tell anyone what had happened. Jairus is a special father in the Bible because he humbled himself for his daughter's sake. He was an important and powerful leader. He was the president of the synagogue, a leader of the community. Synagogue leaders weren't supposed to ask for help. It was difficult for Jairus to ask for help from Jesus, but his daughter was dying, and he was desperate. This father would not hold on to pride. He would do whatever he needed to do. So he fell down in front of Jesus and pleaded with him. If he lost his job, then he would just have to accept that because he loved his daughter too much to hold onto pride. If they laughed because Jesus said he could bring her back to life, let them laugh. Jairus put his confidence in Jesus Christ. We are thankful for fathers who are willing to humble themselves for a daughter's or a son's sake in order to bring them to Jesus.

Mark 5:21-43 and Luke 8:41-42 and 51-54

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1FVLv8OgnNo>

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- 1) Where did Jairus work? In the synagogue
- 2) What is a synagogue? A place where people worship
- 3) What was wrong with Jairus's daughter? She was sick
- 4) Why were the people upset when Jesus arrived?
Because the little girl was dying and sick
- 5) What did Jesus say to the little girl? My child, get up.
- 6) Was the little girl healed? Yes
- 7) Was Jairus supposed to tell the people who he worked with about what happened? No
- 8) Why not? Because they wouldn't believe him and they would make fun of him
- 9) Did Jairus tell everyone what Jesus did anyway? Yes
- 10) What did we learn from Jarius? To trust Jesus, ask for help, and tell everyone about what Jesus can do

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"He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way."

-Psalms 25:9

