



FAITH BASICS



Lesson 6 He's An On-Time God



We like to say that God always answers prayer - sometimes with “yes”, sometimes with “no”, and sometimes just “wait awhile”! We don’t want to hear “no” - but that would be good if we had asked for something we really should not have! But what about “wait awhile”? Do you trust the Lord to know better than you how things should go?

One story of having to “wait” for a “blessing” is about Jairus, a leader in the local synagogue (their ‘church’) who came to Jesus to ask the Lord to help his very sick daughter. Jesus agreed, but as they headed for his house the crowd became so large it slowed them down. That is when the lady touched the hem of our Lord’s garment (remember lesson 4?) They were ‘hindered’ but she was ‘helped’!! Such a wonderful thing for this woman. But now the bad news came - Jairus’ daughter had passed away!



<< Read Luke 8:49-55 >>

Then Jesus said, “Don’t be afraid - just believe!” They went to the house and Jesus had to first make all the people leave who only laughed at what he was going to do. (Some people believe in miracles but many others don’t.) Then Jesus took the little girl’s hand and said to her, “Young lady, arise”!!

Ok! Let’s see! What would be the bigger miracle? Heal a sick girl or raise her from the dead?



Jesus also had a dear friend named Lazarus who had two sisters Martha and Mary. Lazarus was very sick. They sent for Jesus to come, but before he could make it there Lazarus died. He was in a cave with a huge stone for a door. As the Lord arrived everyone was weeping and it made him sad, too. But Jesus said to Martha, “If you will believe you will see God’s glory!” Then he told the men to roll aside the stone and Jesus called out, “Lazarus, Come forth!!” And here he came, wrapped like a mummy, back after being dead for four days -

Lazarus was alive!!

Ok! So, by waiting a little longer Jesus did a bigger miracle and everybody got a bigger blessing?!



“They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength” (Isaiah 40:31)