

The Bible is Alive

I thought about Ainzley while reading Mark recently. We are studying the book of Mark on Wednesday nights. Mark 5 details the account of Jarius, a synagogue official. His daughter is sick and dying. Jarius throws himself at Jesus and begs for her to be healed.

Jesus walks into the home and He is told it's too late. She's already dead. Jesus says she is merely sleeping. Everyone laughs. Jesus clears the room, speaks to her, and she rises from the dead. We all can relate to this story. We know what it is like to have a child or loved one that is seriously ill. You feel helpless and hopeless. All we can do sometimes is cry out to Jesus.

I have read this story before, but never really connected with it until now. Do you know how old Jarius' daughter is? She is 12, the same age as Ainzley. I read that and thought, "Wow. I understand how Jairus must have felt. This is a man who loves his daughter and is pleading with Jesus."

You are thinking, good for you Bro. Jason. So, what? We often read the Bible and fail to connect it with reality. We know the stories are true. Yet, we forget that these were real people with real emotions, troubles, and joys. The next time you read the Bible, hopefully today, remember that the people you are reading about were real. Try and put yourself in their shoes (sandals)! It will enhance your love for God and His word.

Your Pastor,

Jason R. McNaughten

Random Doses of Humility

This year I wrote a book. Well, I wrote a dissertation for my PhD program. I can honestly say that it has been one of the most humbling experiences of my adult life. Here are some of the lessons I've learned this year:

1) **Be Led by God.** God put it into my heart to pursue a PhD four years ago. Going to school for this long has been difficult-but the one thing that has helped me is God. If God gives a goal and purpose, pursue it with everything you've got!

2) **Be Open with God.** I've had to learn how sensitive I can be about my writing. When you have friends, family, and professors all giving you feedback it can be very difficult not to take it personally. In the end folks that are reading and correcting my writing are really trying to make it better!

3) **Be vigilant.** When people begin complimenting me, I must remember to give God the glory. It is so easy to begin thinking the skills, talents, and abilities we have are our own, but God is the one who created you. He formed us and therefore, He should get the glory for the fruit of talents.

Life can be difficult at times, but remember to stay humble, give God the glory, and be open to His leading in your life.

Youth Pastor,

Joshua Peeler



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Operation Christmas Child Month is here!

- *Plastic boxes for purchase @ \$2 a box—see Brenda Ewing
- *We can no longer send toothpaste or candy
- *Cost for shipping a box is \$9
- *Packing Party, Sun., Nov. 4, following worship (Lunch provided)
- *Accepting boxes until Sun., Nov. 11

Family Forum on Polity and Procedure, Sun., Oct. 28

Community Outreach Trunk or Treat, Wed., Oct. 31, 5:30-7pm

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