

Trust and Believe

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Luke 8:40-56

My wisdom teeth had to come out. The surgeon used a general anesthesia, knocking me out so I would not even be awake when he sorted it all out. I remember the moment they put the medicine into my IV. No matter what, I was about to go to sleep and had zero control over what was going to happen to me. My last thought was, "Wow, I sure must trust these doctors."

Trusting is risky. We are taking a chance when we rely on someone other than ourselves. Trusting means admitting we are powerless to help ourselves. Such was the faith of the people in today's passage. They trusted Jesus whether in a crowd of people or among a group of mourners and naysayers. They took a risks: the woman who touched Jesus was revealed in front of everyone; Jarius' daughter was truly dead. But they believed anyway and put their faith into action, despite the risks.

We are called to the same kind of faith, even when it's risky. We need Christ to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves. Faith means we have to let go of our need for control.

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