

# Come to My House

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"And, behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue: and he fell down at Jesus' feet, and besought him that he would come into his house." **Luke 8:41.**

Look at this man named Jairus who was a Jew and a ruler of the synagogue. He came to Jesus and humbled himself before the Lord and in front of all the people who were there. Have you considered what this act of humility meant for him? He was a ruler of the synagogue and knew that to confess Jesus as Lord and to seek his help would cause him to lose his position and endanger his life. Anyone who spoke favorably of Jesus was an enemy of the Pharisees, Sadducees, priests, and all other rulers of the Jews.

This man placed his love and concern for his daughter above his position in the synagogue and his place in Jewish society. He didn't care that people witnessed him bowing to Jesus and asking for his help. This meant that he had faith in him and was certain that Jesus could and would help his sick daughter. He knew that without a miracle his child would die. Hearing, and perhaps seeing, the Lord heal others, he had

faith to believe that he could and would heal his child too.

He asked Jesus to come to his house for his family needed the Lord's touch. How about our families today, don't they need the Lord's touch as well? We see so much sin in our world, unrest in our homes, and families breaking up. If we asked the Lord to help us he would come in and bring peace and love. We need to seek God's help for our children instead of trying to act like everything is fine and that we never need help. So many folks act like it would be a disgrace to admit that we need help and that we have problems.

There is no one who is perfect and so strong that they never have a concern, or problem. Is it pride that makes us act like we have it all under control? What do we really have under control? If all who confess to be Christians had their hearts and minds under control and in submission to the Lord would we have so much conflict between the churches and trouble in our homes? Church families have problems and suffer divorce like the people of the world. I hate to say it but some church folks that I have known are as narrow minded, sharp tongued, and fussy as anybody that I have met.

Yes, no matter how much we try to live for the Lord we need to continually ask God to bless our homes with his presence and to give us love and peace. I believe that it is like the verse that says, "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth

take heed lest he fall." **1 Corinthians 10:12.**

There is so much evil in our world today and the home, marriage, and all that is decent is under constant attack from the evil one. If we ignore the danger and think that we're doing alright then we place our children and ourselves in great danger.

Look at the danger of drugs in our world today. Even good families are being hurt by this terrible thing that destroys marriages, lives, and brings death to many people. The love of God and his saving grace is our best defense against this threat. Drugs are not the only threat to our families and children, there is violence, sex, greed and many other things that will try to fill up lives and crowd out any thought of walking with the Lord.

Jairus humbled himself before the crowd and was more concerned about his family and home than he was about what the people thought of him. He wanted the Lord to help him and he got the help he needed. Are you concerned about what other people think about you to the extent that you forsake the Lord? The world's opinion won't help or hurt you in the judgment, but what he Lord thinks of you will make all the difference. Ask the Lord to come into your life and home if you haven't already done so. He will come if we really want him as our Lord.

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**JEPHTHAH'S DAUGHTER!**

JEPHTHAH, WHO JUDGED ISRAEL FOR SIX YEARS, WHEN HE WENT TO WAR WITH THE AMMONITES, MADE A VOW UNTO THE LORD THAT SHOULD HE BE VICTORIOUS HE WOULD SACRIFICE, FOR A BURNT OFFERING, WHATEVER FIRST CAME TO HIM OUT OF HIS HOUSE, ON HIS RETURN TO IT, AFTER THE VICTORY! (JUDGES 11:30,31). IT WAS HIS ONLY CHILD, HIS DAUGHTER, WHO RUSHED OUT TO GREET HIM ON HIS RETURN. HIS DAUGHTER AGREED THAT HE HAD TO KEEP HIS VOW, BUT ONLY AFTER SHE HAD TWO MONTHS TO BEWAIL HER VIRGINITY IN THE MOUNTAINS. THIS BECAME A CUSTOM, DOWN THROUGH THE YEARS, FOR THE ISRAELITE MAIDENS TO GO INTO THE MOUNTAINS, FOUR DAYS A YEAR, TO LAMENT FOR THE DAUGHTER OF JEPHTHAH, THE GILEADITE! (JUDGES 11:40).



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