



Five-Day Devotional 31
The Last Thing God Said Part II
Jesus Always Follows Through
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Theme verse: *"Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well."* — Luke 8:50

From the Pastor's Desk
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Introduction: God's word helps us meet real life. In **Part I**, we followed Paul's journey through the storm in Acts 27 and discovered a powerful truth: when God has spoken, His promise remains secure regardless of the circumstances. The wind raged, the ship broke apart, and hope seemed lost, yet Paul confidently declared, *"I believe God."* The storm could not cancel God's promise, and the outcome unfolded exactly as God had said.

That same truth continues in this second devotional—but through a different story.

In Luke 8, we meet Jairus, a desperate father whose daughter is dying. Jesus immediately responds and begins walking toward his home. Yet along the way comes an unexpected delay, heartbreaking news, and what appears to be the end of all hope. To everyone else, the situation is over. But Jesus speaks one simple command:

"Do not be afraid; only believe." (Luke 8:50).

The story of Jairus reminds us that God is not only faithful to speak His promises—He is faithful to fulfill them. What Jesus begins, He finishes. His timing may stretch our faith, His path may differ from our expectations, and circumstances may seem to contradict His Word, but His purposes never fail.

Over these five days, we'll discover that Jesus is already walking toward our need, that delays never cancel His promises, and that His voice is always greater than the latest report. As you meditate on these Scriptures, may your confidence grow—not merely in what God has said, but in the One who always follows through.

May Paul's declaration: **"I believe God"** become your own, and may Jairus' story strengthen your faith:

Because the last thing God said still stands. And Jesus always follows through.

Blessings,

Pastor Fryar

***Note to reader:** This five-day devotional is designed to encourage and reaffirm that when you pray, you are deepening your walk with God. This is highlighted through use of scripture references from the New King James Version unless otherwise indicated.*



Day 1 – Jesus is already walking toward your need.

Scripture: Luke 8:40–42: “...Jesus went with him...”—Lk. 8:42 NLT.

Jairus came to Jesus with a crisis he could not fix. His daughter was dying, and every passing moment mattered. Instead of offering empty sympathy, Jesus immediately went with him.

Those four simple words—“*Jesus went with him*”—carry tremendous hope. Before the miracle happened, before the healing came, before the circumstances changed, Jesus had already committed Himself to the journey.

Sometimes we measure God's faithfulness by how quickly our prayers are answered. Yet Scripture reminds us that His first response is often His presence. Long before we see His hand, we can trust His heart.

If Jesus has begun walking with you, He has not abandoned your situation.

Reflection: Where have you mistaken God's delay for His absence?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You that You never ignore my cry. Even when I cannot yet see the answer, I trust that You are walking with me. Help me value Your presence as much as I long for Your provision. Strengthen my faith to believe that You are already at work.



Day 2 – Delays do not cancel God's promise.

Scripture: Luke 8:43–48: “Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, “came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped.”—Lk 8:43-44.

On the way to Jairus' house, Jesus stopped to minister to another person in need. To Jairus, every second must have felt costly.

God's interruptions often become opportunities to reveal His greater purpose.

The delay did not mean Jesus had forgotten Jairus. In fact, while Jesus was blessing one person, He was still committed to another.

There are seasons when life seems to pause. Doors remain closed. Answers seem slow. Progress feels invisible. Yet God's timing is never disconnected from His purpose.

Just because God appears quiet does not mean He has stopped working.

Reflection: Can you trust God's timing even when it differs from your own?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, teach me to trust You during seasons of waiting. Keep discouragement from taking root in my heart. Help me remember that Your delays are never wasted and Your timing is always perfect. Give me patience while You continue Your work in my life.



Day 3 – Don't let the latest report replace God's word.

Scripture: Luke 8:49–50: "...Your daughter is dead," he said. "Don't bother the teacher anymore."—Lk. 8:49 NIV.

Before Jesus reached Jairus' home, devastating news arrived: *"Your daughter is dead. Don't trouble the Teacher anymore."*

Then Jesus immediately answered with a greater word: *"Do not be afraid; only believe."*—Lk.8:50.

Fear always speaks after bad news. Faith speaks after hearing Jesus.

The voices around us often encourage surrender, disappointment, and hopelessness. But faith remembers what God said before circumstances changed. Like Paul in Acts 27, we can declare, *"I believe God."*

God's promises are not canceled by difficult reports. The last thing He said still stands.

Reflection: Which voice has been louder lately—the voice of fear or the voice of Jesus?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me guard my heart against fear. Let Your word become the loudest voice in my life. When circumstances seem impossible, remind me that Your promises remain true. Strengthen my faith to believe what You have spoken.



Day 4 – Jesus finishes what He starts.

Scripture: Philippians 1:6: “...He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ.”

Jesus did not stop halfway to Jairus' miracle. He did not abandon the assignment because circumstances became worse. He completed what He started.

God's character has never changed. He is still the God who finishes His work.

Sometimes we become discouraged because we judge God's faithfulness by what is unfinished. Yet scripture teaches us to look beyond the present moment and trust the One who always completes His purposes.

Your story is still being written. The chapter you're living today is not necessarily the final chapter.

Reflection: What unfinished area of your life do you need to place back into God's hands?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You that You are faithful to complete the work You have begun in me. Keep me from giving up before Your purpose is fulfilled. Help me trust You with every unfinished chapter of my life. I believe You are still working even when I cannot yet see the outcome.



Day 5 – The last thing God said still stands.

Scripture: Acts 27:20–25, 41–44: “Therefore, keep up your courage, men, for I believe God, that it will turn out exactly as I have been told>”—Acts 27:25 NAS.

Paul endured a violent storm and eventually a shipwreck. Jairus experienced delay, devastating news, and public ridicule. Neither story unfolded the way anyone expected.

- Yet both ended exactly where God said they would. Paul survived the storm because God's promise stood.

Jairus' daughter lived because Jesus followed through. Our circumstances may change from day to day, but God's word remains steadfast.

Faith is not denying reality. Faith is believing that God's Word has the final authority over reality.

- Whatever storm you face or whatever report you've received, remember this truth: The last thing God said still stands. Jesus always follows through.

Reflection: What promise from God's Word are you choosing to hold on to today?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You that Your Word never fails. Help me anchor my life in Your promises instead of my circumstances. Give me confidence to trust You through every delay, every storm, and every difficult report. I believe You will accomplish everything You have spoken.

Closing thought: God's promises are stronger than your circumstances.

- His presence is greater than your delays.
- His Word is louder than every fearful report.

And because Jesus always follows through, you can confidently live by the last thing God said.