

Gospel Lighthouse Church
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The Last Thing God Said Part II
Jesus Follows Through

Text: Luke 8:40–56; **comparison text:** Acts 27:20–25, 41–44

- Same divine principle, different situation.

Introduction: In reflection in Acts 27, Paul finds himself aboard a battered ship in a violent storm. The situation becomes dire: *“All hope that we would be saved was finally given up.”* (Acts 27:20)

The Greek imperfect passive tense of *“given up”* implies a process—the slow erosion of hope by circumstances. Yet even as the storm intensified, Paul clung not to what he saw, but to what God had said: *“For I believe God. It will be just as He said.”* (Acts 27:25). The perfect passive tense here reflects something spoken in the past that still holds power in the present. Paul’s faith didn’t depend on the storm’s intensity—it anchored in God’s enduring word.

The shipwreck wasn’t a contradiction to God’s promise; it was simply a part of the process. **The last thing God said still stood.** This same principle—faith holding firm through worsening circumstances—is seen again in the story of Jairus and his daughter in **Luke 8:40–56**.

Jesus completes His commitments: (See Philippians 1:6: *“He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion.”*) The story with Jarius shows Jesus following through—despite delays, doubts, or even death. Jairus, a synagogue leader, seeks help for his dying daughter. What unfolds powerfully illustrates: **Jesus doesn’t abandon what He starts—Luke 8:40-56.**

1. The request: Jairus pleads for His dying daughter—v40.

- Jairus urgently pleads with Jesus to heal his daughter, who is at death’s door.
- We often bring situations to Jesus when they’re already failing. But faith brings dying things to the One who holds resurrection power.

2. The response: Jesus commits to restoration—v42b “As Jesus went with him…”—NLT

- Jesus **starts walking** with Jairus. He doesn’t delay or question—He moves toward the need.
- What’s Jesus’ response to the dying areas in your life? Even when things continue to decline, **His presence doesn’t leave.** His commitment remains, even in temporary delays (**healing of the woman with the issue of blood—vv43-48**) when the process gets harder.

3. The reassurance: Jesus speaks despite the worst report—vv. 49–53.

- Before they arrive, news comes: *“Your daughter is dead. Don’t trouble the Teacher anymore.”* But Jesus steps in and says: *“Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well.”—v50b.*
- Mourning and mockery over the worse condition doesn’t change Jesus’s commitment to you—**v53.**

Key Principles:

- **The last thing Jesus said is still valid**, even when the news contradicts it.
- **Jesus hears what you hear**—and He speaks right into it.
- Stay close enough that **His voice is louder** than the voices of fear and despair.

Matthew 4:4: “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.”
Don’t close your story based on someone else’s report—especially when **Jesus is still walking with you.** Whether you’re facing a **storm like Paul** or a **situation like Jairus**, the principle is the same.

Conclusion: Jesus finishes what He begins.

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