

THE MIRACULOUS PLEA OF A DESPERATE MOTHER



The miraculous power of God is released
through desperate prayers full of faith.



¹⁷Some time later the son of the woman who owned the house became ill. He grew worse and worse, and finally stopped breathing. ¹⁸She said to Elijah, “What do you have against me, man of God? Did you come to remind me of my sin and kill my son?” ¹⁹“Give me your son,” Elijah replied. He took him from her arms, carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his bed. ²⁰Then he cried out to the Lord, “Lord my God, have you brought tragedy even on this widow I am staying with, by causing her son to die?”

1 Kings 17:17-24 (NIV)



²¹Then he stretched himself out on the boy three times and cried out to the Lord, “Lord my God, let this boy’s life return to him!” ²²The Lord heard Elijah’s cry, and the boy’s life returned to him, and he lived. ²³Elijah picked up the child and carried him down from the room into the house. He gave him to his mother and said, “Look, your son is alive!” ²⁴Then the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the Lord from your mouth is the truth.”

1 Kings 17:17-24 (NIV)



Faith Building Lesson #1:

Keep knocking on the door. Trust that God is working on the other side of it.



¹¹Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. ¹²As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. ¹³When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, “Don’t cry.” ¹⁴Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still. He said, “Young man, I say to you, get up!” ¹⁵The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.

Luke 7:11-17 (NIV)



¹⁶They were all filled with awe and praised God. “A great prophet has appeared among us,” they said. “God has come to help his people.” ¹⁷This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.

Luke 7:11-17 (NIV)



Faith Building Lesson #2:

Tears sown on the heart of God will reap
the miracle from the hand of God.



⁵Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy. ⁶Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.

Psalms 126:5-6 (TNIV)



⁸Record my misery; list my tears on your scroll—are they not in your record?

Psalms 56:8 (NIV)



²¹When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. ²²Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. ²³He pleaded earnestly with him, “My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed.” ²⁴So Jesus went with him...

Mark 5:21-24, 35-43 (TNIV)



³⁵While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. “Your daughter is dead,” they said. “Why bother the teacher anymore?” ³⁶Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, “Don’t be afraid; just believe.” ³⁷He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. ³⁹He went in and said to them, “Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep.” ⁴⁰But they laughed at him.

Mark 5:21-24, 35-43 (TNIV)



After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum!" (which means "Little girl, I say to you, get up!").

⁴²Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished.

⁴³He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Mark 5:21-24, 35-43 (TNIV)



Faith Building Lesson #3:

Persevere in Faith by hearing the Voice of Faith (Jesus).

