

Your Breakthrough Has a Voice Courageous Faith from Matthew 9

Based on Chapter 2 of “The Voice of Faith” by Apostle Cynthia Brazelton
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Introduction:

Tonight we are studying Chapter 2 of Apostle Cynthia’s book, *The Voice of Faith*. The chapter is called “**Courageous Faith.**” Apostle Cynthia defines courageous as “**the quality of spirit or mind that enables one to face difficulty, danger, or pain without fear.**” That’s a powerful definition. She takes us through three miraculous encounters from Matthew 9 and shows us what courageous faith looks like in action.

The three situations are: (1) Jairus and his daughter, (2) the woman with the issue of blood, and (3) the two blind men. All three happened back-to-back. Jesus was coming from ministering a breakthrough, casting out a legion of demons in the land of Gad, and He was heading towards ministering a breakthrough, bringing Jairus’ daughter back to life. Sandwiched between the two is a woman who is looking for a breakthrough herself. And right after Jairus’ house, two blind men followed Jesus and received their sight. Three situations. Three expressions of courageous faith. Let’s get into it.

Key Scriptures:

Hebrews 11:1 (KJV)

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

Hebrews 11:6 (TPT)

“And without faith living within us it would be impossible to please God. For we come to God in faith knowing that he is real and that he rewards the faith of those who give all their passion and strength into seeking him.”

Romans 10:17 (KJV)

“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

2 Corinthians 5:7 (ERV)

“We live by what we believe will happen, not by what we can see.”

SITUATION 1: JAIRUS AND HIS DAUGHTER

(Read Mark 5:21-43; Matthew 9:18-19, 23-26)

Mark 5:22-23 (KJV)

“And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet, and besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live.”

Mark 5:35-36 (TPT)

“While Jesus was still speaking to the woman, people came from Jairus’ house and told him, ‘There’s no need to bother the Master any further. Your daughter has died.’ But Jesus refused to listen to what they said and told Jairus, ‘Don’t yield to fear. All you need to do is to keep on believing.’”

Mark 5:39-42 (ERV)

“Jesus went into the house and said to the people there, ‘Why are you crying and making so much noise? This child is not dead. She is only sleeping.’ But everyone laughed at him. He told the people to leave the house. Then he went into the room where the child was. He brought the child’s father and mother and his three followers into the room with him. Then he took the girl’s hand and said to her, ‘Talitha, koum!’ (This means ‘Little girl, I tell you to stand up!’) The girl immediately stood up and began walking around.”

Jairus was the local ruler of the synagogue. He had a title, a position, and prominence in the community. He had relationships with the Priests, Pharisees, and Sadducees. He was friends with the people who hated Jesus. So what was this man doing at the feet of Jesus? His little daughter was dying, and he could do nothing about it. He had solicited the prayers of his friends, the religious leaders, but none of those prayers worked. This man’s daughter was dying, so he went to the only person he believed could help. And then right there, in front of the crowd, on his knees, with people watching and listening, this man spoke the language of faith.

1. Courageous faith requires you to humble yourself and let go of everything that is not God.

Jairus broke through the crowd, and before he opened his mouth to ask anything of Jesus, he fell at Jesus’ feet. This shows the desperation and urgency he felt for his daughter’s well-being, as well as his willingness to put his faith in Jesus, even though it went against the beliefs of some in his community and some of his closest friends. Jairus stripped himself of his position, reputation, and affiliations. He humbled himself before Jesus before he said anything. As Apostle Cynthia wrote, courage means facing difficulty without fear. For Jairus, the difficulty was not just his daughter’s sickness. It was also the social risk of going to Jesus in front of everyone.

Application:

— **When you need a breakthrough, your title and position don't matter.**

— Jairus was friends with the people who **hated** Jesus, and he chose his daughter's life over his friends' opinions.

— **Being religious is not the same as having a relationship with God.**

— **Humble and sincere worship creates an atmosphere for faith to be released.**

— I grew up in a very religious environment, and many of my family members criticized me when I walked away from religious practices in search of an intimate relationship with God. Now **these very same people call me and ask for prayer because they say, "God listens to him."**

— **Desperation is the breeding ground of miracles.**

— **One encounter with Jesus will do more than a lifetime of religious practice.**

2. Courageous faith speaks the language of faith and refuses to cancel the confession.

Jairus spoke the language of faith at the seashore. He said, "Come and lay your hands on her, and she shall recover and she shall live." Jesus agreed with Jairus' faith and they started walking to his house. But on the way, the woman with the issue of blood slowed Jesus down. While Jesus was talking to her, someone came from Jairus' house with the worst possible news: "Your daughter is dead. Don't bother the teacher anymore." At that moment, fear flooded Jairus' heart. But before Jairus could say anything negative, Jesus said, "Don't be afraid. Just keep believing." As Apostle Cynthia said, "You know you are convinced when you are **PRESSED**." Jairus was being pressed, and he had to choose between what he saw and what he said.

Application:

— **In the natural world, you move things with your hands; in the spirit realm, you move things with your faith, and faith is voice-activated.**

— **Fear cancels out faith, and faith cancels out fear.** If you can't speak faith, don't say anything at all.

— **You must say what God said until you see what God said, and you must never allow what you see to change what you said.**

— When you are in a faith-fight, surround yourself with people of **like-precious faith**. Jesus kicked out 75% of His own team and all the mourners because their doubt could contaminate Jairus' faith.

— Apostle Cynthia said, **“Put them out! Delete the channel!”** Sometimes you need to remove the voices that speak against what you are believing God for.

— **If God is still alive, then your situation still has hope.**

— Before Jesus raised the girl, He walked over and laid His hands on her, because **that is what Jairus said.** God will deal with you according to what you said and believed.

SITUATION 2: THE WOMAN WITH THE ISSUE OF BLOOD

(Read Mark 5:25-34; Matthew 9:20-22)

Mark 5:25-28 (KJV)

“And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, and had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, when she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.”

Mark 5:34 (TPT)

“Then Jesus said to her, ‘Daughter, because you dared to believe, your faith has healed you. Go with peace in your heart, and be free from your suffering!’”

Matthew 9:22 (ERV)

“Jesus turned and saw the woman. He said, ‘Be happy, dear woman. You are made well because you believed.’ And the woman was healed at once.”

Take a moment to identify with this woman. She was physically drained, emotionally scarred, and socially outcast. Her menstrual cycle had literally not stopped in 12 long years. The Hebraic Law considered her “unclean,” and she would make anything or anyone she came in contact with unclean as well. She was basically a prisoner in her own body. To make a bad situation worse, she spent all her money on doctors and did not get any better. She grew worse. So there she was: financially broke, physically bleeding, and psychologically distraught. But when she heard about Jesus and the Lord deposited a crazy idea in her heart, she mustered up the faith to attempt it.

3. Courageous faith launches out beyond human limits.

This woman had tried every natural option and it left her physically tired, financially broke, and socially outcast. So she decided to try a supernatural option. She kept saying to herself, “If I can only but touch His clothes, I shall be made whole!” She pressed through the crowd, a crowd she was not supposed to be in, because she was “unclean.” After 12 years, she was sick of rules. She needed a breakthrough. And when

she finally got close enough, SHE DID IT. She reached out her hand and touched Jesus' clothes. Immediately the bleeding stopped. As Apostle Cynthia wrote, "You know you are convinced because you are PRESSED." This woman was literally pressing through a crowd to get her breakthrough.

Application:

— **You will never experience what you are not willing to attempt.**

— God deposited a crazy idea in this woman's heart, and **her job was to believe it, declare it, and launch out into it.**

— **Rules cannot make you right.** Rules can only show you when you are wrong, and religion was forcing restrictions on this woman without giving her an answer.

— **Living by faith is risky, but staying where you are is riskier.**

— Apostle Cynthia said, "**People would love for you to keep your mouth shut.**" The enemy wants you silent, but this woman refused.

— **You will never walk on water if you are too afraid to get out of the boat.**

— **Faith is an action word.** This woman did not just think about touching Jesus or talk about it with her friends. She pressed through the crowd and she DID IT.

4. Courageous faith accesses what grace has already provided.

There were countless people touching Jesus that day. Bumping into Him, brushing against Him. But only one person touched Him with faith. Jesus actually felt divine power leave His body. The disciples were confused. "The whole crowd is touching you, and you ask who touched you?" But Jesus knew the difference between a physical touch and a touch of faith. This woman's faith tapped into the grace that was already available. The power was always there. She just needed the faith to access it.

Application:

— **God does what He does by grace; we must do what we do by faith.**

— In most of Jesus' miracles, He touched people to release power, but in this miracle, **she touched Him.** It is possible to touch God with your faith.

— **Faith is voice-activated.** Jairus spoke it, the Centurion spoke it, and this woman kept SAYING, "If I touch His clothes, I shall be made whole."

— Just like Jesus laid hands on Jairus' daughter because that's what Jairus said, **the woman was healed when she touched Jesus because that's what she said.**

— **Our God is naturally supernatural.**

— Jesus did not say, "My power healed you." He said, "**YOUR FAITH healed you.**" The power was always available; the question was whether she had the faith to access it.

— **When you invoke God's presence in any situation, your prayers of faith can bring heaven to the earth.**

SITUATION 3: THE TWO BLIND MEN

(Read Matthew 9:27-31)

Matthew 9:27-30 (KJV)

"And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou Son of David, have mercy on us. And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord. Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you. And their eyes were opened."

Matthew 9:28-29 (TPT)

"And they followed him right into the house where Jesus was staying. So Jesus asked them, 'Do you believe that I have the power to restore sight to your eyes?' They replied, 'Yes Lord, we believe!' Then Jesus put his hands over their eyes and said, 'You will have what your faith expects!'"

After Jesus raised Jairus' daughter from the dead, He left the house. Two blind men followed Him, calling out, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" But Jesus did not respond to them initially. Think about it. Jesus had just been through a long day. He taught parables, dealt with the storm, cast out a legion of demons, healed the woman with the issue of blood, and raised Jairus' daughter from the dead. After all of that, Jesus just wanted to go lay down. But these two blind men refused to give up. They followed Jesus right into the house.

5. Courageous faith is persistent and refuses to give up.

These two blind men followed Jesus, and He did not say a thing. He just went into the house. It was like Jesus just wanted to get some sleep. But these two blind men followed Jesus into the house. They refused to take "silence" as "no." As Apostle Cynthia put it, courage means facing difficulty without fear. These men were blind, they

could not see where they were going, but they could hear Jesus. And they followed that voice until they received their breakthrough.

Application:

— **Too many believers quit before their breakthrough just because God did not move on their schedule.**

— In the military, you never abandon your position under fire. In the same way, **when the enemy is firing at your faith, you don't abandon your confession.**

— **God sees a lot of people ask for things that actually align with His will, but then fail to receive because they give up before their harvest comes due.**

— Apostle Cynthia said, **"People would love for you to keep your mouth shut."** These blind men did not care what people thought; they needed a touch from God.

— **Jesus told the story of the persistent widow in Luke 18 to teach one thing: men should always pray and never give up.**

— **Don't let impatience rob you of what persistence would have produced.**

— These two blind men did everything together: called out together, followed together, believed together, and **got healed together.** Sometimes you just need a prayer partner.

6. Courageous faith declares what it believes and receives according to its confession.

When the blind men got inside the house, Jesus asked them a critical question: "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" Jesus had the power. Did these two blind men have the faith? They answered, "Yes, Lord, we believe." So Jesus touched their eyes and said, "You will have what your faith expects!" Immediately their eyes opened. The TPT says, "You will have what your faith expects." That is a powerful statement. What is your faith expecting?

Application:

— They called Jesus the "Son of David," a messianic title. Those who addressed Jesus by His neighborhood received nothing; **those who addressed Him by His destiny received their breakthrough.**

— **In the Kingdom of God, faith may be the currency, but honor is the culture.**

— **Jesus was fully capable, but God's action was always tied to a person's faith.**

— Jairus said, “Lay hands on her,” and Jesus laid hands on her. The woman said, “If I touch His clothes,” and she was healed when she touched Him. The blind men said, “We want to see,” and **Jesus touched their eyes**. In all three situations, God responded to what they said.

— **Don’t be afraid to get specific with God**. Their general cry for “mercy” got Jesus’ attention, but He did not move until they told Him exactly what they wanted.

— **You think you are waiting on God, but He may be waiting on you to ask.**

— Jesus said, “You will have what your faith expects.” **If you expect nothing, that’s exactly what you’ll receive.**

Discussion Questions:

1. Jairus had to humble himself publicly to get to Jesus. Is there anything in your life right now (pride, reputation, religious tradition) that is keeping you from fully surrendering to God?

2. Have you ever been in a “faith-fight” where the situation got worse after you prayed? How did you handle it? Did you keep believing, or did fear cause you to change your confession?

3. The woman with the issue of blood tried every natural option before she tried the supernatural option. Are you exhausting natural strategies while ignoring what God is trying to deposit in your heart?

4. Apostle Cynthia said, “You know you are convinced when you are **PRESSED**.” What does it look like in your life to be “pressed” toward your breakthrough?

5. Jesus did not respond to the blind men right away. He ignored them. Have you ever felt like God was silent? What did you do during the silence?

6. Jesus asked the blind men, “Do you believe I am able to do this?” If Jesus asked you that question today about your specific situation, what would your honest answer be?

7. All three situations required the person to speak their faith out loud. What are you declaring over your life right now? Is your confession aligned with what God has revealed to you?

Closing Confession:

Father, I thank You for Your Word tonight. I thank You for teaching me what courageous faith looks like. Like Jairus, I am willing to humble myself before You, let go of my title, my reputation, and anything else that stands between me and my breakthrough. I speak the language of faith, and I refuse to allow what I see to change what I say. Like the woman with the issue of blood, I am willing to press through every obstacle, every crowd, every limitation, to get to You. I know that if I can touch You with my faith, Your grace will make me whole. Like the two blind men, I am persistent. I will not give up. I will not be silent. I believe You are able. I believe You are willing. And I receive according to my faith. You will have what my faith expects, and my faith expects Your best. I walk by faith and not by sight. The UNSEEN realm is more real to me than the SEEN. I am discovering my purpose. I am walking in my calling. IT'S ALREADY DONE. I declare this by faith. In Jesus' name. Amen.

This is Today's Word. Apply it and prosper!