

## *Common Obstacles to Expectant Faith*

### *Luke 8:40-56*

“Faith” is always \_\_\_\_\_ looking and \_\_\_\_\_ expecting. For this reason, there are almost always \_\_\_\_\_ to faith. These obstacles prove or disprove the genuineness of our faith. Certain obstacles are common and consistent in virtually every believer’s life. Each can be seen in the Bible in the life of a man named Jairus.

Jairus seems to have already begun to have faith in Jesus. But the 1<sup>st</sup> common test came. \_\_\_\_\_. Jairus was a man of standing and some wealth. He had a young family and a bright future. But his daughter got sick and the doctors said she would die.

Troubling disclosures come out of \_\_\_\_\_. When they do, will your faith lead you, like Jairus, to come to Jesus, \_\_\_\_\_, and beg Him to \_\_\_\_\_?

The 2<sup>nd</sup> common test of expectant faith came next. \_\_\_\_\_. Since faith is always future oriented, delay is always a part, and extended delays are torturous. First, the huge \_\_\_\_\_ and then Jesus’ willingness to stop for this woman introduced a new level of \_\_\_\_\_. She was healed. His daughter was dying.

When faced with delay, we often take matters \_\_\_\_\_ and violate the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. Will your faith lead you, like Jairus, to be strong, take heart, and \_\_\_\_\_ for the Lord.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> test to Jairus’ faith came while he was doing what faith required. \_\_\_\_\_. His daughter had passed. That’s when we must remember what Jesus said in **Luke 18:27** "What is \_\_\_\_\_ with man is \_\_\_\_\_ with God." Don’t even let that which seems impossible \_\_\_\_\_ your faith in God.

Faith in Christ always results in healing and life, if not \_\_\_\_\_, in the age to \_\_\_\_\_. That’s what Paul wrote in **1 Cor. 15:50-57**. Faith doesn’t always heal the sick or raise the dead in this life, but it opens you up to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the one who can, who has a \_\_\_\_\_ for your life, and who is able to do \_\_\_\_\_ than all we ask or imagine (**Eph. 3:20**).