



## WEEK FIVE | CALMING THE CHAOS

I would venture to guess that most, maybe all, of us know what it is to have periods of chaos in our lives. How you can avoid it completely seems impossible. Maybe the chaos serves a heavenly purpose. Ideally, it would be better if we all had strong enough faith that chaos never creeps in. Well, that's just not real life for us or for those following Jesus in his day. It happens, so what's the win?

**Share an experience you have had with chaos in your life.**

**What did you do about it?**

### TALK ABOUT IT

These miracle stories are passed on to us so we can know who Jesus truly was/is and that nothing, not mother nature, not demons, not death, especially not weak or non-existent faith can overcome him.

**Read Mark 5:21-43**

**What are you most afraid of?**

**What has more control over you than you wished it did?**

Just this past week, Cindy and I were talking to a friend who had recently been through some difficult, life-altering situations. Our friend commented, "I guess you really find out how real your faith is."

**When have you experienced a time or observed someone else in that kind of situation and discovered if your/their faith was real or not?**

## APPLY IT

Our current culture says it is insensitive and not helpful to tell someone going through a tough time to just believe (in Jesus). To be fair, I agree if done without tact and compassion. However, that's pretty much what Jesus told the father upon discovering that his daughter had died. "Don't be afraid, just believe." To be fair again, Jesus knew what was coming.

**Why are we so afraid when the going gets tough?**

**How can we encourage and have stronger/real faith in Jesus in the most troubling times of our lives?**

**What's the balance between calling for real faith in life's chaos and showing love and compassion like Jesus did?**

– "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering." (Mark 5:34)

## PRAY

It's always beneficial to close your time together by simply checking in on one another. We may never know what's going on in one another's lives unless we open a door and ask.