



Recap | Dr. Dorothy Dye. | Sunday, August 16, 2026

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Mama D taught on **transforming, committed faith** from **Hebrews 11:1**, showing that real faith is both something we possess and something we practice. Faith is belief based on the evidence of God’s Word, and it always shows itself in action, love, and obedience. Through Jairus, the woman with the issue of blood, and the centurion, she highlighted that while our expressions of faith may differ—touching His hem, asking for His hand, or trusting His word alone—the power lies in the **same object: Jesus**. Mama D urged us to let the **objective truth** of Scripture become **personal truth**, to “**sway with Jesus**” like the man on the tightrope who had to match every move of the master, and to trust God even when we can’t see or feel Him, like Job, the three Hebrew boys, and Habakkuk. Transforming faith says, “Even if I don’t understand, even if nothing looks good, **yet I will rejoice in the Lord,**” because we believe that our Father is faithful and His promises are true.

1. What Faith Is – And How It Works

- **Faith is belief based on evidence.**
 - The **evidence** is the **Word of God** – God’s truth, not our feelings.
 - Whether we believe it or not, **the Word is still true.**
- **Faith is both a noun and a verb.**
 - It is something you **have** (a present possession – “*now faith*”).
 - It is something you **do** (a way of living).
- **Faith and works cannot be separated.**
 - **Galatians 5:6** – faith “works by love.”
 - **James 2:14–20, 26** – faith without works is **dead**.
 - Faith is **shown** by your actions: how you **love**, how you **serve**, how you **obey**.
 - There is **no such thing as secret faith or secret love**.
- **Faith is love in action.**
 - Faith is **trust + obedience** motivated by the **love of God** shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit.
 - If you truly believe the Word is the **very mind of God**, your **life will reflect what you believe**, empowered by the Spirit.
- **The object of faith matters.**
 - The **object** of our faith is **Jesus Christ** – who He is and what He has said.
 - Mama D affirmed by faith:



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- “I am saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Spirit.”
- “I am a daughter of the King, beautifully and wonderfully made.”
- “I am seated at the King’s table; my Father supplies my needs.”
- “I am a jewel of great price, one-of-a-kind, more than a conqueror.”
- **Faith says:** “If God said it, I believe it, and I live like it’s true.”

2. Transforming Faith vs. Conforming to the World

- **Transforming faith is ongoing.**
 - **Romans 12:1–2** – Don’t be **conformed** to this world; be **transformed** by the **renewing of your mind**.
 - As long as we are on this earth, God is **continually transforming** us.
- **Faith is about your vertical relationship.**
 - Faith is **moving in the same direction as God**.
 - Faith is **agreeing with God** even when:
 - Your **emotions** say otherwise.
 - Your **senses** can’t see it.
 - Faith is **not** trusting your feelings; it is trusting **God’s promises**.
- **Objective vs. subjective truth.**
 - God’s Word is **objective truth** (true for everyone).
 - It must become **subjective truth** in *you*:
 - Not just “the Word says,” but “**this is mine**; I live by it.”
 - That’s what makes faith **transforming** rather than just mental assent.

3. Three Portraits of Faith (Mark 5 & Matthew 8)

Mama D walked through three people, all coming to the **same Jesus**, with **different expressions of faith** but the **same expectation**.

A. Jairus – Faith for His Dying Daughter (Mark 5:21–24, 35–42)

- **Who he is:** A ruler of the synagogue – a respected Jewish leader.
- **His action of faith:**
 - He **comes to Jesus**, **falls at His feet**, and pleads for his **12-year-old daughter** who lies at the point of death.
 - He believes: “If you come and **lay your hands on her**, she **will** be healed and live.”
- **Interruption & test:**
 - On the way, the woman with the issue of blood interrupts the journey.
 - While Jesus is still speaking, word comes:



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- “Your daughter is dead; don’t trouble the Master any longer.”
- **Jesus’ response to Jairus:**
 - “Be not afraid; only believe.”
 - Jesus uses the woman’s healing as a **living testimony** to strengthen Jairus’ faith for what’s coming.
- **At the house:**
 - Professional **mourners** are already weeping loudly.
 - Jesus says, “She’s not dead, but sleeping.” They **laugh Him to scorn**.
 - Jesus **puts them all out** – removes doubt and unbelief.
 - Takes only Peter, James, John, and the girl’s parents into the room.
 - The girl is **raised**, and they are **astonished with great astonishment**.
- **Lesson:**
 - Jairus chooses to **believe the word of Jesus** over:
 - The **report** of death
 - The **noise** of mourners
 - What his **eyes** could see
 - Faith is **staying in agreement with Jesus** even when everything around you says it’s over.

B. The Woman with the Issue of Blood – Determined, Risking Faith (Mark 5:25–34)

- **Her condition:**
 - **12 years** with an issue of blood.
 - Spent all she had on physicians, only grew **worse**.
 - Considered **unclean** under the Law (Leviticus 15).
 - Not supposed to be around people, touch people, or go to the **temple**.
- **Her decision and commitment:**
 - She **heard about Jesus**.
 - She **decides**: “If I may just **touch His clothes**, I shall be made whole.”
 - She doesn’t just decide; she **commits**:
 - Pushes through the **crowd**.
 - Risks being **stoned**.
 - She aims only for the **hem** – respecting Him, not wanting to defile His person.
- **Why the hem?**
 - The **tassels** on garments were associated with the **presence of God** and **healing**.
 - She wasn’t allowed in the temple to touch the high priest’s hem, so she presses to Jesus – the true High Priest.
- **Jesus’ response:**
 - Power (“virtue”) goes out of Him.
 - He asks, “Who touched my clothes?”



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- She comes trembling and tells Him all the truth.
- He says:
“Daughter, **thy faith** hath made thee whole. **Go in peace**, and be whole of thy plague.”

- **Lesson:**

- Faith is not just agreeing in your mind; it is **pressing through barriers** to get to Jesus.
- She moved from **decision** to **commitment** – that is living, transforming faith.
- Her **testimony** becomes fuel to **build Jairus’ faith**.

C. The Centurion – Faith in the Word Alone (Matthew 8:5–8)

- **Who he is:** A Roman centurion, a Gentile military officer.

- **His request:**

- “Lord, my servant at home is sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.”
- Jesus: “I will come and heal him.”
- Centurion:

“Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. **But speak the word only**, and my servant shall be healed.”

- **Lesson:**

- Three different expressions:
 - Woman: “**If I just touch His clothes...**”
 - Jairus: “**If You come and lay hands...**”
 - Centurion: “**Just speak the word...**”
- All three share:
 - The **same object**: Jesus
 - The **same expectation**: healing/wholeness
- **Your faith doesn’t have to look like someone else’s** to be real faith, as long as it is rooted in **Jesus**.

4. The Power of Testimony

- Mama D stressed that **God uses our testimonies** to:
 - **Increase the faith** of others.
 - Confirm that He is the **same God**, working in different ways.
- She shared her own story:
 - Diagnosed with **multiple sclerosis** years ago (an “incurable” disease).
 - Doctors say it’s been in **remission for 50 years**.
 - She calls it **healing**, and refuses to let anyone **talk her out of her testimony**.



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- **Takeaway:**
 - Don’t be ashamed of what God has done for you.
 - Your story, in your own voice, carries **weight** and **builds faith**.

5. “Sway with Jesus” – The Tightrope Picture of Faith

Mama D used a historical illustration of tightrope walker **Charles Blondin** (funambulist) who crossed Niagara Falls over 300 times.

- One day, he carried a man on his back across the wire and told him:
 - “*I’m responsible for the walk. You just **match my movements**.*”
 - “*If I sway left, you sway with me. If I sway right, you sway with me.*”
 - “*Under no circumstances try to save yourself. There can only be **one will** in this adventure, and it must be mine.*”
- **Spiritual application:**
 - The only way to live by faith is to **sway with God**.
 - You must **submit your will** to His.
 - Don’t try to “save yourself” by fighting His movement.
 - Trials and tests of faith come so that we **learn to sway with Him** instead of resisting.

6. Faith When You Can’t See God

Mama D walked through several biblical examples that model **committed faith in adversity**:

A. **Israel: Cloud, Fire, and God’s Hiddenness**

- In the wilderness, God led Israel with a **pillar of cloud by day** and **fire by night**.
- When He **removed** the visible signs, He was teaching them:
 - Even when you **don’t see** the cloud or fire, **He is still there**.
 - You don’t have to **feel** God to know He’s present.
- **Hebrews 13:5** – “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

B. Job 23:8–10 – Faith Beyond Feeling

- Job says he can’t find God:
 - Forward, backward, left, right – “**I cannot see Him.**”
- Then faith rises:
 - “But He knoweth the way that I take: when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.”
- **Lesson:**



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- Faith is trusting that **God sees you, knows your path**, and is **purifying you**, even when you can’t trace Him.

C. The Three Hebrew Boys (Daniel 3:17–18) – “But If Not” Faith

- Facing the fiery furnace for refusing to worship Nebuchadnezzar’s image:
 - “Our **God is able** to deliver us... **and He will** deliver us.”
 - “**But if not**, be it known unto you... we **will not** serve your gods.”
- **Lesson:**
 - Committed faith says:
 - “God **can**.”
 - “God **will** according to His will.”
 - “Even if He **doesn’t** do what I want, I’m still not bowing.”

D. Habakkuk – “Yet I Will Rejoice” Faith

- After hearing God’s prediction of coming **calamity**, Habakkuk trembles:
 - His belly, lips, and bones are affected by fear.
- Yet he declares:

Even if the **fig tree does not blossom**,
There’s **no fruit on the vines**,

The **olive fails**,
The **fields yield no meat**,
The **flock is cut off** and there is **no herd in the stalls** –
“**Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The Lord God is my strength.**”

- **Lesson:**
 - Transforming faith chooses **praise in spite of**:
 - Present losses
 - Future predictions
 - Visible circumstances
 - You “**send Judah (praise) first**”, trusting God’s character when nothing looks good.



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7. Faith That Pleases God – A Now, Active Faith

- **Hebrews 11:6** – Without faith it is **impossible** to please God.
 - "Impossible" = not even in the realm of possibility without faith.
- **Faith is never passive.**
 - It is **energetic, vital, expressed in good works.**
 - It must be **present tense** – "**now faith**":
 - Not "I used to trust God."
 - Not "Someday I'll trust God."
 - But **today**, in this situation, I **trust and obey**.
- **Living by faith means:**
 - Letting the **objective truth** of the Word become **your personal truth**.
 - Letting the **Spirit override your senses and emotions**.
 - **Swaying with Jesus** instead of fighting Him.
 - Staying **committed** beyond decision – living out what you say you believe.



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ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

A. Understanding Transforming / Committed Faith

1. Head & Heart Check:

- In your own words, how would you explain the difference between:
 - **Believing something is true**
 - **Living like it's true?**
- Where do you see that gap in your own life right now?

2. Faith + Works:

- James says, “Faith without works is dead.”
- What is **one area** where your **actions clearly show** your faith?
- What is **one area** where your **actions don't yet match** what you say you believe?

3. Objective vs. Subjective Truth:

- Name a promise in Scripture that you **know in your head** is true.
- What would it look like for that promise to become **personal and lived** in your daily life this week?

B. Jairus – Believing the Word Over the Report

4. Competing Voices:

- Jairus heard two messages:
 - The **report**: “Your daughter is dead.”
 - Jesus’ **word**: “Don’t be afraid; only believe.”
- What “reports” are you hearing (doctor, finances, family, job) that compete with what **Jesus has said?**

5. Agreement with Jesus:

- Jesus **put the doubters out** before He raised the girl.
- What do you need to “put out” (voices, environments, inner narratives) so that your faith can agree with Jesus in your current situation?



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C. The Woman with the Issue of Blood – From Decision to Commitment

6. Decision vs. Commitment:

- This woman didn’t just decide to believe; she **pressed through the crowd** at great risk.
- Where have you **made a spiritual decision** but stopped short of **real commitment** (a next step, a hard conversation, a change of habit)?

7. Pressing Through Barriers:

- What are the “crowds” in your life right now—shame, fear, people’s opinions, exhaustion—that you need to press through to “touch the hem” of Jesus this week?

D. The Centurion – Trusting the Word Alone

8. Different Expressions, Same Faith:

- The woman needed to **touch**, Jairus wanted Jesus to **come**, the centurion trusted Him to **speak the word only**.
- Which of these three faith expressions feels most like **you** right now? Why?

9. Word-Based Faith:

- Is there an area where God is asking you to trust **His word alone**, even though you don’t see any physical change yet?
- What specific Scripture can you stand on for that situation?

E. “Sway with Jesus” – Submission and Control

10. Tightrope Reflection:

- In the tightrope picture, the only safe move was to **match the master’s sway**.
- Where are you still trying to “**save yourself**” instead of yielding completely and swaying with Jesus?

11. One Will in This Adventure:

- Mama D said there can only be **one will** in this adventure with God.
- Practically, what would it look like for you to **submit your will** to His in:
 - Your schedule
 - Your relationships
 - Your calling/ministry?



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F. Faith in the Dark – Job, the Hebrew Boys, and Habakkuk

12. When You Can’t See God:

- Job couldn’t locate God in any direction, but still said, “He knows the way that I take.”
- Have you had a season where you **couldn’t feel or see God**, but looking back you can now see He was there? Share what you learned.

13. “But If Not” Faith:

- The three Hebrew boys said, “God is able... but if not, we still won’t bow.”
- What would “but if not” faith look like in **your** current situation?

14. “Yet I Will Rejoice” Faith:

- Habakkuk listed everything going wrong, then said, “Yet I will rejoice.”
- What’s **one “even though”** in your life right now, and what’s your **“yet I will”** response of praise?

G. Personal Application / Homework for the Week

You can assign these as **reflection or journaling prompts**:

1. Testimony Time:

- Write out **one testimony** where God has met you in a way you “couldn’t have had sense enough to ask for.”
- Be prepared to share a **2–3 sentence version** with the sisters next week to build their faith.

2. Sway with Jesus Plan:

- Identify **one area** this week where you will intentionally “sway with Jesus” instead of fighting for control.
- Write down:
 - The situation
 - Your usual response
 - The new, faith-filled response you will practice.



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3. Scripture to Stand On:

- Choose **one Scripture** from this lesson (Hebrews 11:1, Romans 12:1–2, Job 23:10, Daniel 3:17–18, Habakkuk 3:17–19, etc.).
- Meditate on it daily and pray:

“Lord, make this not just a verse I know, but a **truth I live.**”