

Faith to Raise the Dead

Matthew 10:7-8 "And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' 8 "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

Hebrews 11:1-6; 17-19; 30-35

John 5:17-21 But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working."

18 Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.

19 Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.

20 "For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.

21 "For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will.

John 14:12-14 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. 13 "And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 "If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

Don't need to be afraid

Bible Examples	Reference	Who had faith?	Obstacles?	Contributions
1. Widows son	1 Kings 17:17-24	Widow & Elijah	Elijah and God was blamed for the tragedy	Persistence: Child was raised up after 3 rd attempt
2. Shunammite woman's son	2 Kings 4:18-37	Elisha	She had to travel from Shunem to Mt. Carmel to bring back Elisha	Didn't speak death Positive confession Persistence by widow Persistence by Elisha: Child was raised up after the fourth attempt
3. Man who touched Elisha's bones	2 Kings 13:21	Elisha	Elisha was dead and the promise of the double portion of miracles was not complete.	Elisha didn't try to fulfill the promise of the double portion. He sought for it and God did it.
3. Widow of Nain's son	Luke 7:11-16	Jesus	Crowds can be intimidating	He acted before unbelief could interrupt
4. Jairus' daughter	Luke 7:11-16	Jairus & Jesus	Jesus was scorned for His faith statement	Positive Confession "Child only sleeping" Put those with unbelief out of the room
Lazarus	John 11	Jesus	Mary & Martha only had faith for Jesus to keep their brother from dieing.	Had a leading from the Father
5. Old Testament saints after Jesus died on cross	Matthew 27:51-53	Sovereign act of God	Some people did not believe just because the dead were raised	This was an obvious sign & wonder
6. Dorcus	Acts 9:36-43	Peter & disciples who sent for him	Grieving	The disciples put great urgency in getting Peter there as soon as possible He put out of the room those who were grieving He prayed before speaking to the body
7. Eutychus	Acts 20:7-12	Paul & believers in the assembly		Paul fell on him and embraced him Great concern by all

Practical principles for raising the dead:

1. Always consider it an option
2. Just because someone died from sickness after a battle of faith doesn't mean they can't be raised up
3. If you don't have the faith for find someone anointed who does
4. Only allow those in the room with faith
5. Pray and seek the Lord
6. Speak life not death
7. Don't be afraid to touch the body
8. Don't be intimidated from persisting if no initial results
9. Have a life style of coveting the best gifts and allowing God to show us His more excellent ways

10. Don't sweat it if they don't come back. As believers we win no matter what. Our job is to believe. He does the raising!

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