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NO ROOM FOR DOUBTERS

Mark 5:22-43 tells us the story of Jairus' 12-year-old daughter who died. Jesus went to Jairus' house and took only Peter, James, and John with him. The wailers [mourners] were already there, traveling with grief.

When Jesus told the crowd in verse 39 that the ***“damsel is not dead, but sleepeth,”*** they laughed him to scorn [vs. 40], perhaps thinking he was crazy.

Jesus put everybody of the room where the dead girl laid except her two parents and his three disciples. He took the girl's hand and commanded her to arise. She promptly came back to life. The unbelieving crowd at the house were greatly astonished at this resurrection.

Why did Jesus put them all out of the room to start with? It is because he would not allow unbelief into the room. It would interfere with the work of faith. James 1:6-7 tells us that we must ***“ask in faith, nothing wavering.”*** The unbelievers at Jairus' house would have been a hindrance to the miracle if they were allowed to remain in the room.

Yes, there might be some occasions where unbelievers may remain to see a sign to bring them faith, such as with an open meeting with a minister. However, this example with Jairus gives much evidence that there should be no doubters to interfere with God's miraculous works.

This also applies to our faith as written in James 1:6-7. Any wavering is not faith at all, according to Hebrews 11:1 says, ***“Faith is the substance (physical matter) of things hoped (prayed, believed) for, the evidence (positive proof) of things not seen (in the physical realm just yet).”***

Absolute faith has no room for doubt.