

Wednesday, Week 2: Mark 5:36

But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” (NRSV)

1. What does it communicate to you about God’s love, that time and again, Jesus told people not to be afraid, but to believe?

2. In the story of Jesus raising Jairus’ daughter to life, Christ presents belief as the alternative to fear. As we mark Advent and prepare to celebrate Christmas, reflect on the Christian belief that Jesus is “Mighty God,” the Infinite One, who took on finite form. How does this belief alleviate fear for you?

3. When Jairus was feeling fearful and desperate, he took his desperation to Jesus. What fears do you need to take to Jesus today?



Father God: Scripture teaches me over and over to put my faith and trust in you. During this Advent season, help me to remember the truth that it was your love for the world that caused you to send your son that first Christmas. Help me to believe, and to share your love with others. Amen.