



Daily Reflections

JUST HAVE FAITH

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Introduction

Today's reading tells two stories, one "sandwiched" inside the other—the cure of Jairus' daughter and the cure of the woman "afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years." Be aware of these things as you read the scripture passage: the power of touch and the power of faith; the person who takes the initiative in seeking the cure and the person who pleads for the healing of another; the response of the person healed and the response of others to the healing.

Today's Gospel

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered around him, and he stayed close to the sea. One of the synagogue officials, named Jairus, came forward. Seeing him he fell at his feet and pleaded earnestly with him, saying, "My daughter is at the point of death. Please, come lay your hands on her that she may get well and live." He went off with him and a large crowd followed him.

There was a woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years. She had suffered greatly at the hands of many doctors and had spent all that she had. Yet she was not helped but only grew worse. She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak. She said, "If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured." Immediately her flow of blood dried up. She felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction. Jesus, aware at once that power had gone out from him, turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who has touched my clothes?" But his disciples said to him, "You see how the crowd is pressing upon you, and yet you ask, Who touched me?" And he looked around to see who had done it. The woman, realizing what had happened to her, approached in fear and trembling. She fell down before Jesus and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be cured of your affliction."

While he was still speaking, people from the synagogue official's house arrived and said, "Your daughter has died; why trouble the teacher any longer?" Disregarding the message that was reported, Jesus said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." He did not allow anyone to accompany him inside except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they arrived at the house of the synagogue official, he caught sight of a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. So he went in and said to them, "Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep." And they ridiculed him. Then he put them all out. He took along the child's father and mother and those who were with him and entered the room where the child was. He took the child by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around. At that they were utterly astounded. He gave strict orders that no one should know this and said that she should be given something to eat.

MARK 5:21-43



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For Pondering

Which of these is most meaningful to you?

The power of touch—the woman said to herself, “If I but touch his clothes, I shall be healed” and Jesus asked out loud, “Who has touched my clothes?” Jesus “took the child by the hand.”

The power of faith—Jesus said to the woman, Daughter, your faith has saved you” and he said to the synagogue official, “Do not be afraid, just have faith.”

The person who took initiative—“the woman came up behind Jesus in the crowd and touched his cloak” and Jairus came out of the crowd and “pleaded earnestly with Jesus, ‘Please come lay your hands on her.’”

The response of the one healed— “The woman, realizing what had happened to her, approached in fear and trembling” and “The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around.”

The response of others to the healing— “Jesus, aware at once that power had gone out from him, asked, ‘Who has touched my clothes?’ ... and said to the woman, ‘Go in peace and be cured of your affliction.’” At Jairus’ house there was “a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly”; when Jesus had healed the girl, “they were utterly astounded.”

For Prayer

Pray this psalm, thinking of “the synagogue official” and “the woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years.”

*Incline your ear, O LORD; answer me,
for I am afflicted and poor.
Keep my life, for I am devoted to you;
save your servant who trusts in you.
You are my God.*

*Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for to you I call all the day.
Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.*

*For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in kindness to all who call upon you.
Hearken, O LORD, to my prayer*

and attend to the sound of my pleading.

PSALM 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

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