

The 13th Sunday of Ordinary time

Mark 5:41-53 Year B



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Two Stories from Saint Mark's Gospel

Jesus saves Jairus' Daughter

A man called Jairus came to Jesus and pleaded with him. 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Please come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him...

...And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'Little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about. They thought that she was dead but she was alive!



Jesus Heals the Sick Woman

Now there was a woman who had suffered with a terrible illness for twelve years. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his cloak. 'If I can touch even his clothes,' she had told herself 'I shall be well again.' Immediately she felt well once more. Jesus asked, "Who touched me?" The woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she told him everything.

'My daughter,' he said 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your illness.'



Reflection

In this Gospel, we continue to learn about faith. We hear about how Jesus shows love and compassion to two people on the same day, but each one in very different circumstances. One is a man, the other is a woman. One is an important person in the community, the other is a woman who has been cast out by her community. One comes to Jesus publicly, the other comes secretly.

Yet in each case, **faith** leads them to seek out Jesus in their time of need. Jesus cares very much about both people who have asked for His help and heals both of them. As followers of Jesus, we too can ask for His help, knowing that He will always be there for us, but like Jairus and the sick woman, we must have **faith** in Jesus' power to help us and to heal and not be afraid to ask.



Post-it Challenge:

'Do not be afraid; only have faith.'

Jairus turned to Jesus on behalf of his daughter. The woman showed her faith through her actions rather than her words.

- What lessons we can learn about faith from these two stories?
- Jairus was tempted by others to give up. What helped him to continue having faith in Jesus?
- What are the things in your life which have tested your faith -in others, in yourself, in God?



Let us pray



We pray for all who are sick, asking that Jesus comfort them, heal them, and give them strength.

We pray also for all those who care for those who are sick, including the doctors, nurses and care workers.

Amen

"Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud." Maya Angelou