


The 13th Sunday of Ordinary time

Mark 5:41-53 Year B



“Don’t be afraid.
Just have faith.”

Mark 5:21-43

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VIMh6IS6VjE>

A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to Mark

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do 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; they were pressing all round him. **Cont...**



But Jesus
overheard them
and said to Jairus,
“Don’t be afraid.
Just have faith.”
Mark 5:36

Gospel Cont...

Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she spent all she had without being any the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse. 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.' And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately aware that power had gone out from him, Jesus turned around in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing round you and yet you say, "Who touched me?"' But he continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,' he said 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint.' **Cont...**



Gospel Cont...

While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So, they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So, he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. 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, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat. **Mark 5:41-53**

Reflection

In this Gospel, we continue to learn about faith. We hear about how Jesus shows 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 a public official, an important person in the community, the other is a woman who has lost everything and is desperate to find a cure to a condition that separated her from the community. One approaches Jesus publicly, the other approaches Jesus 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 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 expressed 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 issues in your life which have tested your faith -in others, in yourself, in God?





We live by faith,
not by sight.

2 Corinthians 5:7

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 those who work in the medical professions. Amen

“Faith is the strength by which a shattered world shall emerge into the light.” Helen Keller