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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B - RCLB Lectionary



Lectionary: 98B

Read: [Mark 5:21-43](#)

Gospel Summary

Today's Gospel reading contains two stories that feature the healing ministry of Jesus. In the first story Jairus falls at Jesus' feet and begs Jesus to go and lay hands on his daughter, who is at the point of death. In the second story the woman who had been long afflicted with a hemorrhage touches Jesus' cloak, saying, "If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured" (Mark 5:28).

To the woman Jesus says, "Daughter, your faith has saved you" (Mark 5:34). To Jairus Jesus says, "Do not be afraid; just have faith" (Mark 5:36).

Reflection for Parents

Parents and caregivers can understand Jairus's desperation in seeking out Jesus. Who wouldn't try everything possible to save his or her child? Today's Gospel reminds us that we need God's help. We must stay strong in faith and continue to trust in God's plan for us and for our children.

Bringing the Good News Into Your Family

As a family, make a list of those you know who are sick and in need of healing. Put the list on your family prayer table or post it on your refrigerator. Encourage all family members to pray for those on the list each and every day. As an alternative, bring the list to the dinner table each night and begin your meal by praying for those on the list. Also take time to create and send a Get Well card or note of encouragement to each person on the list.

Discussion Starters

1. Someone I know whose faith is strong is . . . because . . .
2. One area of my life where I need to have stronger faith is . . .
3. One way I can grow stronger in my faith in God is . . .