

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time by Father Dave

(Wisdom 1: 13 – 15, 2: 23 – 24; 2 Corinthians 8: 7 – 9, 13 – 15; Mark 5: 21 – 43)

Today's Scripture Readings speak of the gift of life, both physical and spiritual, that God has given to us. The readings urge and challenge us to be grateful for our health in body and soul and to use God's gifts of life and health responsibly.

In the first reading taken from the Book of Wisdom, the author tells us that God gave us life and health and that it was the jealousy of Satan that produced illness and death. The reading also suggests that the goal of our lives on Earth is to know, to love and to serve God while here with perfect health in body and soul, and to share God's immortal life forever.

In Paul's second letter to the Corinthian Church, Paul asks the Christian community to show to their Jewish brothers and sisters in Jerusalem, who were living in poverty and sickness, the kindness and compassion which Jesus expressed in His healing ministry. Paul asked the Corinthians to be generous in their contributions to a fund being collected for their suffering brothers and sister in Christ. The generosity of Jesus is the central theme, here also, because Paul describes Jesus' life, death, and Resurrection as "the gracious act of our Lord Jesus Christ."

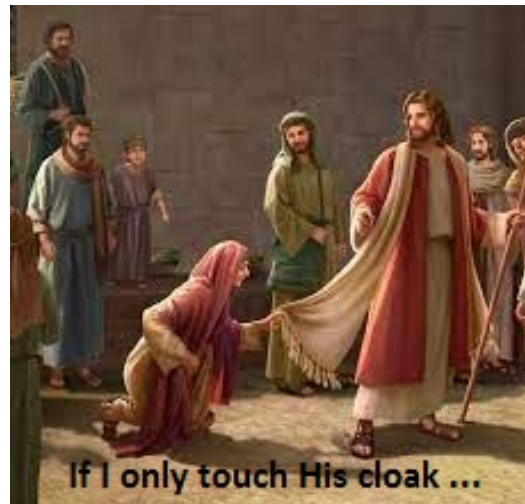
Today's Gospel selection describes two of our Lord's miracles: the healing of a woman who suffered from a chronic bleeding disease, and the returning of the dead daughter of Jairus to life. These healings teach us that Jesus willed life, and willed full-life for all God's children. The two healings also reveal Jesus as a generous, kind and compassionate God Who wills that people should live their wholesome lives fully.

We are taught to both receive life from Jesus and to convey His gift of life to others. We are invited to be touched by Him and to remain in touch with Him. Without His love in our hearts we are not fully alive, and we are certainly not able to offer that love to others. Our hearts and minds are touched as we listen to His word during the celebration of Holy Mass, and we are nourished spiritually as we receive the gift of His body and blood in Holy Communion. As we exchange the Sign of Peace during the Mass, our embracing of each other, our shaking hands, or waving to each other, our acknowledgement in some form of the other people at Mass reminds us that we are all members of the Body of Christ – literally in touch with each other. By the simple act of a handshake or kiss we proclaim the peace that exists between us. We acknowledge, too, that this peace is also His gift to us that

flows from the Risen Lord Who awaits us in Communion. These same acts flow out into our lives. We may not be, for the most part, doctors or nurses, but the way we greet

each other, the way we smile, the way we listen, the way that we hold each other in friendship or compassion – these and many other ways are all carrying out the love of Christ and our witness to Him: the continuing healing mission of the Church.

Let us pray for the Conversion of the World
& for Peace



Scripture Reflection by Father Rody

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34 He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be cured of your affliction."

"YOUR FAITH..."

Before we deal with faith itself, first and foremost, this faith should have *the possessive pronoun-YOUR-it describes 'your personal conviction.'* Secondly, with the presence of personal assent of faith, it does not mean you are on your own...you are alone on this matter...your 'your' is governed by the communal aspect of faith which is also possessive 'our'. 'Your faith' and 'our faith' go together and they are inseparable. (CCC 166-167)

What is faith?

-Two key terms of faith...

-1. I believe that God exists.

-2. After my belief, I would say,

'I trust my God.'

-Jairus and the woman had these two terms and they got what they prayed for.

Faith saves...

Though the initial intention was for their sickness, *Jesus gave them what is needed first-the salvation of the soul.* Figuratively stated on verse 41 *He took the child by the hand and said to her, "Talitha kum," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!"*

Arise/get up---a person is in a particular situation that Jesus did not like that's why He held her hands and said, 'Little girl arise/get up.' In the term of sinfulness, arise/get up is our realization.

Faith gives peace...

Being at peace in life is just an aftermath of realization, near to contentment. How are we to gauge this peace? There are many ways but the best for me is '*deep within your very self, nothing is bothering you.*'

Faith heals/cures...

This is the very reason why they came to Him, *physical healing...*the healing ministry of Jesus really made an impact during His time and many followed Him due to that.

In the end, we see 3 layers in human being...1. FAITH SAVES...the soul is addressed first (HOW-sacraments: Eucharist & Reconciliation) since it is the soul that would persist after life on earth. 2. FAITH GIVES PEACE...after the soul, *the inner self* (HOW-Counselling) needs to be touched also. 3. FAITH HEALS/CURES...soul, inner self, and lastly *the physical body* (HOW-Diet, exercise, medicines) is given importance too. Borrowing the thought of St. Paul on body parts (1 Cor. 12, 12ff.) one body with many parts-each part is as important as the others.