

## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 27, 2021

With today's Gospel reading we have an unusual literary device: A story within a story. We begin with Jairus, pleading with Jesus to come to his house, for his daughter is near death. [Story 1]

As Jesus and the distraught father are hurrying to his house, a woman pressed in on him, trusting that even if she just touched the hem of his garment, she would be healed of her life-long illness. [Story 2]

And thirdly, the conclusion of Story 1: The Daughter is saved from death. "Little girl, arise!"

Do not be afraid, just have Faith, Faith in this man, Jesus. So easily spoken, so difficult to believe.

And how is it with us? As we read these Gospel stories, we know the outcome. We can read ahead, or recall the stories we have heard so many times. But in our daily journey through life, we pray for various healings. Yet, maybe we just don't recognize healing when it appears.

Fear is useless, what is needed is trust. Mark 5:36