

13th Sunday of Ordinary Time – B

Gospel today is about FAITH and CHOICES –
What do we choose to believe?

If you were sick what would you do?

- Aspirin for a headache – Cold pill for a cold – But what if you stayed sick
- DOCTOR
- Today we first hear about Jarius – I’m sure he tried the pills & Doctor
 - Now daughter is so sick he knew she was dying – he believed in Jesus.
 - So when he sees Jesus – he runs to Jesus “Come heal my daughter”
 - Jesus goes **Jesus immediately begins walking with Jarius**

So what happens? - Well now we get interrupted by a second story

As Jesus is walking with Jarius, with the crowd pressing on him

A woman had been bleeding for 12 years tried to get close.

Medicines, Doctors, nothing worked BUT she believed JC could heal her

She pushed thru the crowd **and reached out and touched Jesus.**

Her bleeding stopped immediately – WHO TOUCHED ME?

JC “Your faith has healed you, go in peace” NOT JC – Her faith in JC

Faith Healer at P.Mtg – his line/my line – witnesses next week.

Faith in JC not in me

- Back to the first story
 - As they walk Jarius is told his daughter was dead & not bother Jesus any further
 - We do this – we come to Jesus with our problems (& our expectations)
 - Give up if we think it’s too much – do we really believe?
 - He had come for healing – Healing OK, *Raising the Dead*, that’s impossible
 - We’re willing to settle for our expectations – but JC has more
 - He wants to deepen their faith and our faith – He wants to bless us
 - How many blessings are waiting for us to have the faith to recv them?
 - Jesus ignores the news of her death “Do not **fear**, only **believe**”
 - Remember the woman healed on the way? (who’s **faith** had saved her) **HERS**
 - Don’t shut the doors on new possibilities – **believe** in Jesus!
 - Believe there are new possibilities, new horizons, new ways of seeing and doing *with Jesus.*
 - Believe! – Look at what happens to Jarius!
 - They get to Jarius’ house – crowd is wailing and mourning
 - JC “Why are you crying? She is only asleep”
 - THEY LAUGH AT JESUS. Ridicule Him
 - JC – “Little girl arise”
- Listen to me
 - Jarius’s situation was hopeless – but he had faith AND HE SOUGHT JC
 - Woman’s situation was hopeless – but she had faith SHE REACHED OUT
 - ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE WITH GOD
 - JC said “Do not fear, only believe” → We need to have faith AND
We need to ACT on that Faith
 - We believe – so we can reach out to Jesus
 - If you do, you too can feel His power in your life today, right now, right here.