

## 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time – B

Did you ever have a bible sandwich? – Well we have one today

The Gospel starts with Jarius asking Jesus to come heal his daughter

Jesus agrees and goes with him

Then, on the way, this story is interrupted with the woman with a hemorrhage

After her healing we return to Jarius' daughter being healed

Starts with Jarius, interrupted with the woman, ends with Jarius

A BIBLE SANDWICH

Now then what is God trying to teach us? Watch this.

Jarius' daughter is sick, in fact she dies, “Why trouble the master any more?”

Its over, she's dead – what else can He do. A Hopeless situation

The woman with the hemorrhage – 12 years – doctors don't help – Hopeless situation

When things seem hopeless - Impossible – ***Go to the master of the impossible***

The woman has an impossible solution - “I'll just go touch Jesus”

**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

- Back to the first story
  - JC came for healing – Healing is believable, *Raising the Dead*, that's impossible
  - WE ARE WILLING TO SETTLE for our expectations – *but JC has more*
    - He wants to deepen our faith – He wants to bless us
  - How many blessings are waiting for us to have the faith to receive them?
  - Jesus ignores the news of the grls's 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 we do, we can feel His power in our lives today, right now, right here.