

13th SUNDAY OF YEAR B 2021 REFLECTIONS.
POWER OVER SICKNESS AND DEATH.

It is almost impossible to handle health issues without involving insurance these days. Our bodies have become so expensive to deal with. The primary doctors are doing what is within their power to make sure their clients get the best care to keep them healthy. What a privilege for us to have all these kind women and men in the field! How lucky are we here in California to have such fine facilities for our health; hospitals, doctors, nurses, medications and even **911!**

Not a surprise that in the third world one can go to the hospital after traveling for several miles to find no nurse, no medicine in the nearest Dispensary! Not a surprise to see an expectant mother giving birth on the way. Do we ever appreciate what we have here or do we take it all for granted.

The situation in the Gospel today takes us back to a situation where this poor lady suffered so much while consulting all specialists for years without getting any relief. She had exhausted all possibilities within human understanding and spent all her income. She had only to land into the hands of this special specialist, the renowned Doctor Jesus. The same issue was faced by the president of the Synagogue, Jairus, who had a dying daughter. He, too, was seeking a cure. The common factor for these two characters was **trust and faith**. They **looked for Jesus, they believed**.

The Gospel is clear, telling us that Jesus healed people by His **Touching power**. He touched and healed people with His **hands, words and love**. Both the Lady and Jairus went to Jesus with desperation after exhausting all possibilities of healing. The woman with faith turned to Jesus, **"If only I can touch the hem of His cloak."** She wanted that encounter with Jesus despite being frightened and trembling. She

needed healing and she moved for it. She needed not only **physical but also psychological and spiritual healing**. *Jesus met her and commended her for her faith and gave her what she wanted, the HEALING. "My daughter, your faith has restored you to health go in peace and be free of your complaints."*

What a consoling moment for this Lady hearing the loving words of Jesus. What an assurance even to a president of the Synagogue, "**Do not be afraid only have faith.**"

We are all called to believe in Jesus who will give us assurance and confidence. Jesus seeks a personal encounter with each and every one of us. What we need is to **move to Him and believe**. We need to be cured from our different ailments. Jesus cures not only the sickness, but also the person. His **touch heals the body, his words heal the spirit. Let us go to him today.**

We should not be afraid of going to Him. He came to heal the world and give life and heal sickness and death. It is only Him who possesses that power. We are **wounded** in one way or another and we carry invisible wounds, **feelings of: rejection, failure, worthlessness, loneliness, or bitterness. All these need healing.** We too are called to be healers of others and we are capable of healing through care, concern, and our presence to others and by being compassionate.

A kind heart heals a wounded spirit.

A kind deed heals a wounded heart.

Our presence can give others an assurance of not being abandoned.

THIS IS THE MINISTRY OF HEALING FOR ALL OF US.