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A Sick Woman and a Dead Girl

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“Who touched my clothes?”
(Mark 5:30)

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A Sick Daughter

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Sister Juliemarie McDonald joined the Sisters of Notre Dame of Chardon, Ohio in 1951. She holds an MA in English Studies from John Carroll University MA in Scripture from St. Charles Seminary. After 32 years of teaching classes ranging from first grade to college level, she then became a researcher, campus minister, director of religious education and a pastoral minister in Mease Hospital in Dunedin, Florida. In her semi-retirement, Sister Juliemarie writes reflections and faith sharing sessions for the young sisters in



One of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus, fell at the feet of Jesus.

“My little daughter is dying.”

“Come and lay your hands on her.” (Mark 5:22-23)

Jesus and some of the crowd followed Jairus to his home.

A Sick Woman

Sought healing from numerous doctors,

Spent all her money to become healthy,

“Yet instead of getting better, she grew worse.” (Mark 5:26b)

Undaunted, the woman heard about the Divine Physician and had faith.

Touching his clothes, she was healed, for the power of healing left

into the woman’s bleeding body curing twelve years of suffering.

“Daughter, your faith has healed you.” (Mark 5: 34)

A Dead Girl

Messengers told Jairus his daughter died. Don’t bother the Rabbi.

Jesus ignored the message and continued to Jairus’ home.

Weeping mourners wailed and when Jesus said she was only sleeping,

wailing turned into mocking laughter.

The Divine Physician

Jairus, don’t believe the message, but believe in my power to heal.

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To the little girl Jesus merely commanded, "Get up."
To Jairus, "Give her something to eat."

Modern Healers

From the monthly magazine *The Flame*, quotes from St. Mark's Gospel remind us of our privilege and gift of healing promised by the Lord. **"These signs will accompany those who BELIEVE IN MY NAME...They will lay hands on the sick, and the sick will recover."**

For Reflection and Sharing:

1. Do we ever ask Jesus, when we receive Eucharist and actually touch the body and blood of Jesus, to cure our physical, mental or emotional illnesses? If no, why not?
2. Do we find ourselves being doubtful or faithless?
3. When will we have the courage to pray in Jesus' name over a sick person?
4. Activity: Take up the challenge of Jesus, **"If you ask anything of me in my name, I will do it."** (John 14:14)

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