

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 28, 2009

Wisdom 1:13-15;2:23-24; Ps. 30:2,4-6,11-13; 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15;

Mark 5:21-43

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“God does not rejoice in the destruction of the living.” How great our God is. God loves life in all its forms. God loves us ... all parts of us ... body, mind and spirit. Our faith in God trusts this fact, and I for one rely on it daily. I have to, or I would give up.

Our daily faith relies on God to “not let my enemies rejoice over me.” “God’s goodwill for us, lasts a lifetime” ... I just need to believe this for me every day. “O Lord, be my helper.” Yes, I must trust God is constantly with me; and when I am really aware of what is going on around me, I see it, I know it is true for me ... for all of us who place our trust in God. I just need to make this a daily, and sometimes moment by moment, act of faith.

God’s care of us is constant. We always have all we need, when we need it. We may ‘want’ more, but we don’t ‘need’ more. If I can be in this mindset I will be at peace always, knowing that I have been given all I really need, by a God who is always loving, providential and generous.

“Please, come lay your hands on my daughter who is at the point of death, that she may get well and live. Jesus went off with him.” What profound and simple faith to be able to make a request like this. Jesus went off with him, because He knew this was a simple request made from deep faith, and that all things are possible for those who believe. Talk about the power of positive thinking! How our lives would be changed if we could approach God, or anyone, with complete faith and trust, knowing God only wants our good.

Words are not needed for our faith and trust to be rewarded. “The woman said, ‘If I but touch His clothes, I shall be cured.’ Immediately she was

healed of her affliction. Jesus said to her, 'Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.' "

Jesus tells us, "Do not be afraid, just have faith." How simple! So why do I make it so difficult? Fear prevents me from truly trusting and believing that God is there for me, no matter what. Others in my life may have let me down ... may not have been there for me ... but God is the one Constant ... ever present, ever loving, ever ready to provide whatever we 'need'.

Let us pray for each other and for our world, that we may grow in this simple faith and trust in God's love for us all ... knowing that there is no need for worry ... knowing we will always have what we need.

Let us simply believe. Then 'behold the miracles happening' and give thanks!