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Home Devotional- June 21st- June 27th

Introduction

A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Readings and Psalm

Lamentations 3:22-33

Great is the Lord's faithfulness

Psalm 30

I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up. (Ps. 30:1)

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Excel in generosity, following the Lord Jesus

Mark 5:21-43

Christ healing a woman and Jairus's daughter

Questions for Reflection

1. How would you eulogize a former friend who had become an enemy as David did for Saul? (2 Sam 1:1, 17-27)
2. What makes up your present abundance, both in concrete and spiritual terms? (2 Cor 8:7-15)
3. How can our prayers support those who have suffered for a long time? (Mark 5:21-43)

Pray the Lord's Prayer Together

Bless one another saying:

May God bless you this week and always. AMEN

Resources:

Text and Prayers: Sundaysandseasons.com - Questions- Workingpreacher.org

