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Good morning everyone

Let's take a few moments to still our bodies and minds before we begin.....

Dear Lord, we give thanks for this wonderful new day.
Give us faith to share all of our problems and successes with you,
Grant us courage to do your will, and wisdom to speak your words.
In Jesus name we pray AMEN

Psalm 145:2-9

Every day I will bless you,
and praise your name for ever and ever.
Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall laud your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.
On the glorious splendour of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,
and I will declare your greatness.
They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The LORD is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.

Matthew 9:18-26

A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Reflection

We have already seen Jesus forgiving sins, calming a raging storm at sea, curing the sick and casting out devils... As if that weren't enough, now he heals a disease that has persisted for twelve years to show that his power has no limits, and then raises a girl from the sleep of death to show that he is the Lord of life. The official kneels in front of Jesus – an act of homage, an acknowledgment of his need and Jesus' superiority, power and such an act of faith. When the suffering woman touches him, it is her faith that reveals her presence to Jesus, and her faith that activates the cure. Matthew shows us a Jesus who is approachable. A sick woman is unafraid to fight through the crowds so she can reach out and touch the tassel on his cloak, and her confidence is rewarded with a miracle. This sick woman had been suffering for twelve years and she was ostracised from normal society because in the eyes of the Jews she was dirty. So she was not just healed of her bleeding but she was also returned to that society. A synagogue official feels perfectly comfortable inviting Jesus into his house to resolve a family crisis, and Jesus gladly complies, taking the little girl's hand in his own and bringing her back to life. We do sometimes put limits on what Jesus can do for us. We need to have the same trusting faith that is illustrated in these Gospel verses and believe in Jesus' healing touch. As one of our congregation would say - 'Pray big and trust Jesus'

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. AMEN

Lord, I know that no matter how bad things look, you are still at my side. I know that even when I can see only darkness with my reason, your light shines through my faith. Yet, in times of trouble, it is so hard to see your light. Lord Jesus, increase my faith. Teach me to see all things as you see them, and to see you in all things...

AMEN

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. AMEN

Blessings and love
Until tomorrow
Vicky x