



# Daily Reflections

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## Scripture

### **Matthew 9: 18-26**

While Jesus was speaking, an official came forward, knelt down before him, and said, "My daughter has just died.

But come, lay your hand on her, and she will live."

Jesus rose and followed him, and so did his disciples.

A woman suffering hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the tassel on his cloak.

She said to herself, "If only I can touch his cloak, I shall be cured."

Jesus turned around and saw her, and said,

"Courage, daughter! Your faith has saved you."

And from that hour the woman was cured.

When Jesus arrived at the official's house

and saw the flute players and the crowd who were making a commotion, he said, "Go away! The girl is not dead but sleeping."

And they ridiculed him.

When the crowd was put out, he came and took her by the hand, and the little girl arose.

And news of this spread throughout all that land.

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## Our Scripture Reflection

Why did Jesus tell the funeral musicians and wailers to, "Go away!"? They really believed the girl was dead which indicated that they had surrendered to the power of evil and had no faith nor trust in Him. To their amazement, Jesus, not Satan, would have the last word. That day, He healed a severely afflicted woman and raised a dead girl to life.

Those who were humble saw the Kingdom of God in their midst.

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## **Food for your Journey**

I like to consider this Jesus' first miracle: the miracle of his humility. The first thing Jesus does for us is go down with us. His whole life will be like this. It is well known that Jesus ended his career on a cross between two thieves; it deserves to be as well known that he began his ministry in a river among penitent sinners.

--Frederick Dale Bruner

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Thank You, Father, for having created us and given us to each other in the human family. Thank You for being with us in all our joys and sorrows, for Your comfort in our sadness, Your companionship in our loneliness. Thank You for friends, for health and for grace. May we live this and every day conscious of all that has been given to us. Amen