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Law/Gospel

I sin when I doubt God's power to heal my body and soul.

Through His Word, Jesus gives me faith to believe that He heals all my illnesses of body and soul. Because His words do what they say, I can trust that I receive forgiveness of sins through His Supper.

Bible Words

Your sins are forgiven. . . . Your faith has saved you; go in peace. Luke 7:48, 50

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of faith You give us through Your Word and through Holy Baptism. We receive Your promises of forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and a home in heaven through the faith You give us. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may our faith in You continue to grow stronger throughout our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Jesus' Touch Heals

Matthew 9:20-25; Mark 5:21-43

In the course of His early ministry in Galilee, Jesus had performed numerous miracles to demonstrate His identity as God and His power over creation, sin, and death: casting out evil spirits and healing those with leprosy and paralysis. So it should come as no surprise that Jesus had gained a following. If not for His teaching about the kingdom of God and forgiveness, people flocked to Jesus for healing.

Jairus was one of those people. His little girl was at the point of death. If there was any hope, it was to be found in this healer from Nazareth. We can assume that he had tried every other conventional means. No physician of the time could save his daughter. Jairus had plenty to lose by associating with a carpenter who taught contrary to the Pharisees and teachers of the law. Yet, it was his daughter. Circumstances were much the same for the woman suffering from a discharge of blood. In the course of twelve years, it's likely she had exhausted normal means of healing.

Yet, the woman trusted in the Lord. In faith, she knew that Jesus' power was greater than some potion, magic spell, or ritual. She could be healed by nothing more than touching His garment.

Today, many place limitations on Jesus' work as well. Sure, Jesus died for my sins and rose from the dead, but can He be truly present in this wine and wafer? As a consequence of our doubts, we rob ourselves of the security and joy in life that God intends and we place ourselves in spiritual danger.