

# Joy through Affliction

2 Corinthians 7:4-11

New Testament Reading

*But God, who encourages the downcast, encouraged us.*  
2 Corinthians 7:6

Some people might think that when you become a Christian, all of our troubles and difficulties go away. But this isn't true. We still have the same struggles and hardships that everyone else in the world has.



In fact, we might even face more difficulties because much of the world persecutes those who follow Christ. However, when we are Christians and filled with the grace that God gives through the Mysteries and His Church, we have the strength to persevere in the face of difficulty.



When Saint Paul wrote today's letter to the Church in Corinth, he said that he and his companions "were afflicted in every way." That's a lot of ways!

But Saint Paul continued to say that the Lord encouraged them. Notice though: God didn't take the hardships away, but allowed them to find new strength. This is what the Lord will do for you too. If you are faced with hard things, ask Him for help and encouragement. He will hear you!



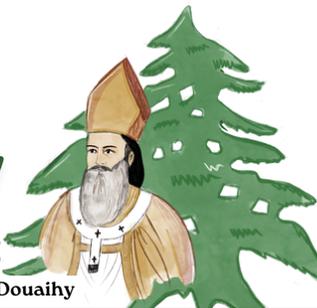
Lenten Memory Verse

*But God, who encourages*

*the downcast, encouraged us.*

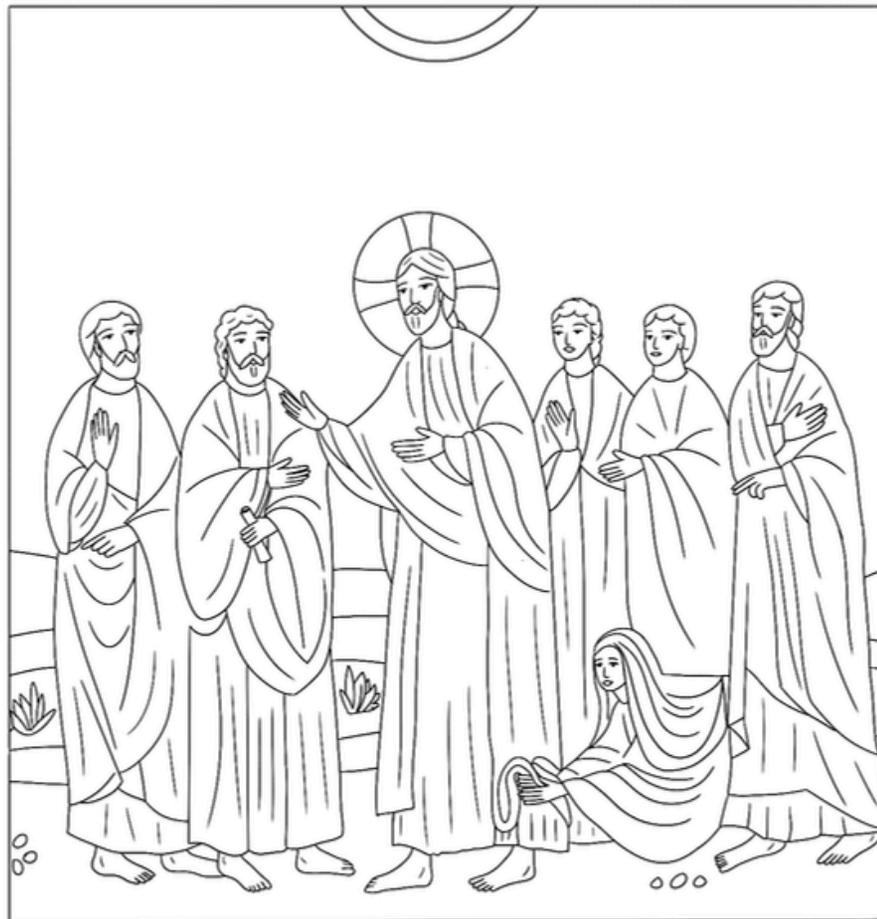
*2 Corinthians 7:6*

# Cedar Kids



The Way of Blessed Estephan Douaihy

3rd Sunday of Great Lent, The Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman, Vol 2, No.23



In great anguish a woman came to Christ and touched his cloak. While the crowds pressed around him, she was cured and made it known.



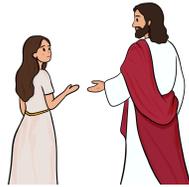


# Gospel Corner

Luke  
8:40-56

During the Season of Lent, every Sunday we focus on the miracles of Jesus during his earthly ministry. Each miracle shows us something different about Jesus and gives us a deeper insight into who God is so that we can come to know and love him more.

This week's Gospel tells us about two miracles! First, a woman who was suffering for 12 years approaches Jesus in a crowd in order to touch his garments. The woman's faith was so great that she knew in her heart that if she could just touch a piece of his clothes, she would be cured.



In a similar way, Jesus went to the home of Jairus where his 12-year-old daughter was dying. Before they arrived, the people brought news that she did in fact die. But Jesus went to the child lying on her bed, called out to her to arise, and she was instantly healed.

Now, every detail in the stories of the Bible mean something. It is significant that these two stories are joined, and both deal with the number twelve. In the Bible, certain numbers hold special meaning. The number twelve signifies God's perfect order, divine government, and his complete authority.

# 12

The number 12 is mentioned regarding Jairus's daughter and the hemorrhaging woman to signify Jesus's power and authority over everything. Jesus came to restore human life, both physically and spiritually. Nothing is impossible for God, whether curing chronic illnesses or raising from the dead, and God wants each of us to be whole. Jesus came to restore humanity, especially in our relationships with God and with others.

**Did you know?**

MEDITATION

There are 3 kinds of prayer: vocal prayer, meditation, and contemplation.

Meditation is a form of mental prayer in which the mind, in God's presence, thinks about God and divine things. It engages one's thoughts, emotions, and imagination, and helps a person listen to God and go deeper in their relationship with Him.

**What you can do**



Memorize the Lenten memory verse this week.

Look up and read today's Gospel on your own and spend a few minutes in meditation thinking about the story

Say something nice to someone who needs encouragement.

## Find the Phrase

Find and color the connecting squares that spell out the phrase that Jesus said to the Hemorrhaging Woman when He healed her and fill in the blanks below.



Y	O	U	F	I	V	A	R	O	H	A	V	Y	R	U
R	Y	R	F	A	I	H	S	H	V	O	U	H	U	I
Y	A	V	A	A	T	Y	A	R	Y	R	I	R	Y	A
H	R	I	I	T	H	A	Y	U	R	R	U	A	R	
A	H	A	Y	H	A	H	S	S	H	I	H	R	F	H
F	Y	I	H	R	I	U	R	A	A	Y	A	H	U	F
F	R	S	A	H	R	U	A	V	E	D	Y	O	I	R
Y	O	U	S	A	Y	H	H	O	H	U	H	U	O	A

"Y \_\_\_\_ f \_\_\_\_ h \_\_\_\_ s \_\_\_\_ y \_\_\_\_."