

**Thoughts on the Daily Word**

*4<sup>th</sup> Week of Year. Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February. Readings of Day: Hebrews 12:1-4; Psalm: 21; Gospel: Mark 5:21-43.*

We are all called to be witnesses, that is what being a martyr means. In Hebrews we are reminded to keep those witnesses in our sight. The first and greatest witness being of course, Jesus himself. Faith means keeping that in our sight and moving forward despite the obstacles. The woman with the bleed, which should have kept her out of all contact with others, broke through that barrier because of her faith in Jesus. The cloud of witnesses is the community that unites us and sustains our faith. The ministry of Jesus is to reunite, just as the child is reunited with her parents. This is our task, to gather as witnesses in the ecclesia supporting that unity and love that breaks the bonds, even of death.

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