

Ignatian Reading #2

1. Take time in silence to settle yourself in God's presence. Use a breath prayer or whatever method works for you. Quiet the busy monkeys in your mind.
2. As the passage is read the first time, simply imagine yourself present at the scene of the story, a "fly on the wall." What do you hear? What do you see? What do you smell? What do you taste? What do you feel? What impresses you in the story?

Now when Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him. And there came a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue. And falling at Jesus' feet, he implored him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As Jesus went, the people pressed around him. And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, and though she had spent all her living on physicians, she could not be healed by anyone. She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, and immediately her discharge of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds surround you and are pressing in on you!" But Jesus said, "Someone touched me, for I perceive that power has gone out from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While he was still speaking, someone from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she will be well." And when he came to the house, he allowed no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and mourning for her, but he said, "Do not weep, for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once. And he directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed, but he charged them to tell no one what had happened. (Luke 8:40-56 ESV)

3. As the passage is read the second time, imagine yourself in the place of one of the characters in the story. What is the story like from his/her perspective? What does he/she hear, see, smell, taste, feel? What impresses this character?
4. As the passage is read the third time, imagine yourself in the place of one of another character in the story. What is the story like from his/her perspective? What does he/she hear, see, smell, taste, feel? What impresses this character?