

Monday 4th Lent
JN 4:43-54

The Gospel of John is divided into two books, the Book of Signs, from Chapters 1-12 and the Book of Glory from Chapters 13 – 21. The purpose of the Book of Signs is to record the signs of Jesus, mostly miracles, that prove that He is Son of God. However, some of the miracles were used against Him. Yesterday's miracle of the man born blind is case in point. Instead of concluding Jesus is the Messiah, they concluded He was a sinner.

Today's gospel is another sign, the "second" sign in Cana, namely the healing of the royal official's son. The royal official pleaded his son be cured. From the moment Jesus said to the royal official, "You may go; your son will live," John tells us the man "trusted" what Jesus said and left.

Put yourself in this Gospel story. Put all of us in the gospel story in light of the pandemic. Where are we? We are between that period of the royal official when Jesus said, "You may go; your son will live," and when

he heard from his servants that all is well. We are in that period of trust.

My daily devotional continues to speak to me. Yesterday and today's messages speak of God's power.

March 22 – A Bud Opened

To me, your intimate Friend, all Power is given. It is given Me of My Father, and have not My intimate friends a right to ask it? You cannot have a need I cannot supply. A flower or one thousand pounds, one is no more difficult than the other. Your need is a spiritual need to carry on My work. All spiritual supply is fashioned from Love. The flower and the thousand pounds – both fashioned from Love to those who need it. Do you not see this? I thought of you, a bud opened, you converted that into a cheer for one you love or a smile. That cheer meant increased health. Increased health means work for Me, and that means souls for Me. And so it goes on, a constant supply, but only if the need is a spiritual one.

March 23 – Until Your Heart Sings

I am beside you to bless and help you. Waver not in your prayers. They shall be heard. All power is Mine. Say that to yourself often and steadily. Say it until your heart sings with the Joy of the safety and power it means to you. Say it until the very force of the utterance drives back, and puts to naught, all the evils against you. Use it as a battle cry – “All power is given unto My Lord,” “All power is given unto My Friend,” “All power is given unto My Savior,” and then you pass on to victory.

