

Faith to Touch the Hem of His Garment Luke 8:41–48

1. It Has Been Said, that Jesus Broke Up Every Funeral He Ever Attended!

- a. And He's On His Way to Breaking up Another Funeral!
- b. Jarius' daughter is dying—and by the time Jesus arrives, She has already died
- c. But Jesus will not let death have the last say.

2. Over and Over in the Life of Christ We See Him Restoring What was Lost in the Paradise Garden of Eden

Sin entered the garden, and with sin came separation from God

- **God is Life**— separation from God brings disease and death
- **God is Light**— separation from God brings darkness
- **God is love**— separation from God brings hatred, violence, division into the world

3. But Jesus Brings — Life, Light and Love — into this broken world

On His way to Raising Jarius' daughter, something extraordinary happens (**Lk 8:41-48**)

I. THE MIRACLE

A. WE SEE HER SUFFERING

1. SHE SUFFERED PHYSICALLY (v.43a)

- a) She had a flow of blood for 12 years... A Constant Bleeding that would not stop
- b) Imagine becoming Weaker and weaker — Anemic, Pale and Worn Out
- c) Imagine How Difficult Life Would Be with this constant condition

2. SHE SUFFERED FINANCIALLY (v.43b)

- a) She Spent ALL of her money on doctors
- b) But Not Only Did She Spend All She Had on Doctors,
- c) The Doctors Actually Made Things Worse! (**Mark 5:25–26**)
- d) The Only Help they gave her was to drain her of Any hope or money she had

3. SHE SUFFERED SOCIALLY

- a) A Condition such as this would isolate her from any public life...
- b) because under the Mosaic law she would be considered unclean (Lev. 15:19; 25-27)
- c) Therefore anything or anyone she touches would be rendered unclean.
- d) As a Result She Would Be Isolated from society

4. SHE SUFFERED SPIRITUALLY

- a) Since the laws in Leviticus render her “unclean”
- b) she would't be allowed to enter the Women's Court of the Temple
- c) She could not participate in worship or offering sacrifice at the Temple

5. SHE SUFFERED EMOTIONALLY

- a) Considering the Average Lifespan then, this has wrecked the Best Years of Her Life!
- b) Her Hopes, Her Dreams, wrecked going from one doctor to the next,
one disappointment to the next, one rejection to the next
- c) **Her Life is Literally Draining Out of Her Body—Little by Little, Day by Day!**

B. WE SEE HER FAITH

- 1. She is Desperate, Destitute, Discouraged, but Determined! She Has Faith!**
 - a) Mark tells us She Had Heard of Jesus (**Mark 5:27**)
- 2. Although She's Not Supposed to be around people b/c of her condition—**
 - a) She is Willing to Risk Public Humiliation, Ridicule and possibly punishment
 - b) To Be Able to Get Through That Crowd to See Jesus !
- 3. She Presses through the Crowd and reaches out with a trembling hand... and touched the hem of Jesus garment.**
 - a) The Greek word see for “touched” means “to cling, or adhere to”
 - b) In other words she held on until she got what she came for!
 - c) Complete Restoration of Her Health!

C. WE SEE CHRIST'S POWER

- 1. Instantly, Immediately, her flow of blood stopped.**
 - a) Mark records: **“Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction.”** (Mark 5:29)
- 2. In that instant she received what none of the doctors could provide her over the coarse of 12 long years!**
- 3. She Felt the Power Heal Her—Jesus Felt the Power Go Out of Him!**
(Lk 8:45-46)

D. WE SEE CHRIST'S COMPASSION

- 1. Jesus asked—who touched me?**
 - a) And it is Peter who can't understand Jesus Question! (8:45)
 - b) How is it that Many People were pressing in—but only this woman is healed?
 - c) We Read later in Matthew that Many Others did the same! (**Mathew 14:34-36**)
- 2. Did Jesus Heal This Woman Without His Knowledge or Consent?**
Did Jesus Really Not Know Who Touched Him?
 - a) God asked Adam—Where are you?
 - b) God asked Cain—where is Abel your brother?
 - c) Elisha asked his servant—where have you been Ghehazi? Already knowing!
 - d) **in every case there is a moral purpose in the question.** (Trench)
 - e) **Coffman:** So, there was a moral purpose of the question here. Jesus would not permit this woman of such commendable faith to receive in secrecy, and by stealth, in a sense, the blessing which he willed that she should receive. (JB Coffman)
- 3. Many Times Jesus Drew Faith Out of a person...**
Often by Asking a Question...
 - a) When Jesus Asked Who Touched Me—it wasn't because He didn't know
 - b) It was Because Jesus Wanted This Woman to Step Forward in Faith...
 - c) Not Only For Physical Healing—But Spiritual...
- 4. Jesus Healing is Not Only Powerful—It is Personal!**
 - a) Notice her response (**Luke 8:47-48**)

II. THE IMPLICATIONS

A. THERE ARE SOME THINGS ONLY CHRIST CAN HEAL

1. This Woman Spent All Her Money on Different Doctors & None Could Help

- a) We Have All Experienced the Brokenness of This World
 - And We Have All Tried Different Doctors...
 - (1) A sick soul may go to "Doctor Entertainment," but finds no cure.
 - (2) They may pay a visit to "Doctor Success" but he is no help in the long run.
 - (3) "Doctor Pleasure," "Doctor Self-Help," or "Doctor Self-Esteem"
- b) But Only Christ Can Bring True Healing for Our Souls! (Guzik)

2. In Many Ways We Are Just Like This Woman...

Every One Of Us Has a Terminal Disease: SIN

- a) And Maybe You've Tried To Solve It With Different Doctors
- b) Different Pain-Killers to Kill the Pain...
- c) Different Distractions to Cover Up the Pain...
- d) Different Belief Systems to Explain the Pain...

3. And In the Process...

- a) You Will Find Your Life Broken Into 1,000 Different Questions
- b) And You'll Spend Your Life Trying a 1,000 Different Cures...

—But NOTHING Will Heal You Except the Blood of Jesus Christ (Isaiah 53:5)

B. WE CAN'T CHANGE OUR PAST—BUT CHRIST CAN GIVE US A NEW FUTURE! (2 Cor. 5:17)

1. TWELVE YEARS! Of Doctors, Treatments, Discouragement, Hopelessness

- a) Those Twelve Years of Suffering Are Gone Forever
- b) She Will Never Get Those Back

2. We Can't Change Our Past—but Christ Can Give Us a New Future!

If We Stop Trying All the World's Pain-Killers & Turn to Christ! (2 Cor 5:17)

C. THE POWER OF CHRIST IS AVAILABLE...

1. To Those Who Have Faith, Who Confess Their Faith in Christ, and Follow the Instructions of the Great Physician

- a) Did You Notice, Jesus Said WHO TOUCHED ME? Did He NOT Know?
- b) Many Times Jesus Drew Faith Out of a person—Often by Asking a Question...
- c) When Jesus Asked Who Touched Me—it wasn't because He didn't know
- d) It was Because Jesus Wanted This Woman to Step Forward in Faith...
- e) **MANY bump into Jesus hear or there—but Not Reach Out By FAITH**

2. Jesus Wants Us to Step Forward in Faith (Mt 10:32)

- a) To Confess Our Need for Forgiveness
- b) To Confess That Only Christ Can Forgive Us of Our Sins
- c) To Humbly Obey the Masters Instructions for Forgiveness of Sins (**Rom 10:9**)

3. The Power of Christ is Available To Those Who Believe by Faith, Repent of their sins, Confess Jesus is Lord and be Baptized into Christ

D. WE MUST STEP FORWARD IN FAITH, NOT SLIP BACK INTO THE CROWD

1. This Woman knew if she could just reach out to Jesus...
 - a) And Touch the Hem of His Robe She Would Be Healed—AND SHE WAS!
 - b) Jesus Healed Her in a Powerful and Personal Way
2. But Then She Wanted to Slip Back Into the Crowd and Disappear!
 - a) Sometimes People Want to Be Healed By the Lord
 - (1) Forgiven of Their Sins
 - (2) Adopted into God's Family
 - (3) Receive the Inheritance of the Saints
 - b) But Not Be an Active Member of God's Kingdom, God's Family
 - c) Just Slip Back into the World—where they can remain anonymous...
Where they feel safe from Responsibilities or Spiritual Growth

3. We Are Called Out of the Kingdom of Darkness Into the Light (**1 Pet. 2:9**)
 - a) Not to Slip Back Into the Crowd and remain anonymous—But to Praise Him!

E. IF YOU DRAW NEAR TO GOD—HE WILL DRAW NEAR TO YOU

1. This is Exactly What Happened!
 - a) She Drew Near to the Lord—and He drew near to Her!
 - b) Jesus Healing of this woman was not only POWERFUL—but PERSONAL!
 - c) He Healed Her and Gave Her a New Life! A New Future! A New Hope!
2. We Must Step Forward in Faith—Not Back Into the Crowd
 - a) Do You Feel Distant From God?
 - b) Like God is Never Around — He's a million Miles Away?
3. If We Draw Near to God—He Will Draw Near to You (**James 4:7–8a**)
 - a) To Draw near to God is to spend time with God
 - b) In His Word, in Conversation through Prayer, in Worship
 - (1) Enoch Did! He Walked with God!
 - (2) Abraham Did—He was a Friend of God!
 - (3) David did—He was a man after God's own heart! (ILL. Yosemite Falls)

CONCLUSION: Called to Come Boldly Before the Throne (Heb 4:16)

1. Remember the Woman Who Had Faith to Touch the Hem of His Garment!
 - a. THERE ARE SOME THINGS ONLY CHRIST CAN HEAL!
 - b. WE CAN'T CHANGE OUR PAST—BUT CHRIST CAN GIVE US A NEW FUTURE!
 - c. THE POWER OF CHRIST IS AVAILABLE...to those with Faith in Christ
 - d. BUT, WE MUST STEP FORWARD IN FAITH, NOT SLIP BACK INTO THE CROWD
 - e. IF WE DRAW NEAR TO GOD—HE WILL DRAW NEAR TO YOU
2. Jesus Died for You—So You Can Live For Him! (**Jn 14:19**)

Jn 14:19 Because I live, you will live also. —The POWER & COMPASSION of CHRIST