

GOD OF THE IMPOSSIBLE

A Touch of Faith

Luke 8:42-48

A Face in the Crowd

Luke 8:42-43 (KJV) ⁴² "... But as he went the people thronged him. ⁴³ And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any, The text begins with Jesus being approached by Jairus, a leader in the synagogue, is asking Jesus to heal his 12 year old daughter

- When Jesus returned from the other side of the sea of Galilee, there were throngs of people waiting to welcome Him
- One of the *faces* in the crowd was a man named Jairus
- Jairus a ruler of the synagogue
- Jairus falls at Jesus' feet literally begging for help
- Jairus' daughter is the point of death, so time is of the essence
- And Jesus went *with* Jairus
- Jesus, Jairus and this huge crowd are headed to Jairus' house
- But there is *another face* in the crowd
- It's a woman, but she's on the *other end* of the spectrum
- This woman in the crowd has an issue (hemorrhaging) of blood, she's lived with the condition for 12 years
- She has exhausted all of money on doctors and she has not gotten any better
- This woman's condition prevents her from worshipping the Temple because she is considered "ceremonially unclean"
- This one illness has turned this woman's life upside down
- She's had this condition for 12 years and it's getting worse instead of better
- This woman's 12-year struggle with this illness seems to have no answers despite doing everything she possibly could to get better, her recovery appears "impossible"

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⁴⁴ Came behind him, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanchd.

- This woman is in the crowd because she heard Jesus was passing by and she took *the risk* of leaving the confinement of her house
- This woman *believed* that if she could touch the hem of Jesus robe, she would be *healed*
- She *believed* and said that if I may *touch* His clothes, I *shall be whole*

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- This woman is saying If I can touch His clothes, I shall be whole as *she pressed* her way through the crowd
- This woman pressed through the crowd because she was *expecting* something to happen in her body
- Her *faith* pushed her past her embarrassment, being an outcast, being rejected, being broke, and being considered unclean by the church
- She secretly came *behind* Jesus so she wouldn't be noticed and touched His garment and immediately she felt in *her body* that she was healed
- No one had to tell her, she knew it immediately
- She went from *hopeless to healed*

Who Touched Me?

⁴⁵ And Jesus said, Who touched me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the multitude throng thee and press thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? ⁴⁶ And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me.

- The woman touches Jesus' clothes is and is *immediately* healed
- The woman was healed immediately after she touched Jesus, but Jesus *felt* something too, He wants to "find out" who touched Him
- Jesus' question made no sense to Peter and he told Jesus the crowd is so large that anyone could have touched You because there are so many people pressing against You
- Jesus disagreed with Peter and said, ***someone touched because I felt virtue (power) go out of Me***
- What is Jesus was saying to Peter is there's a difference between a random "casual contact" and someone *touching* to Him in faith
- But the miraculous flow of Jesus' power comes when we *intentionally* and *continually* reach out to touch Jesus in faith

Your Faith Has Made You Whole

⁴⁷ And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared unto him before all the people for what cause she had touched him, and how she was healed immediately. ⁴⁸ And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace."

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- The woman realized she could no longer stay hidden, she came forward and fell on her knees before Jesus
- Jesus didn't have the woman come forward to "embarrass" her, but to *bless* her
- The woman told Jesus and the crowd *she believed*, if she touched Jesus' robe she would be made whole and that she had been immediately healed
- Jesus called this woman forward so that she would know, *and* the crowd would know that Jesus *miraculously healed* her
- And Jesus calls her *daughter*
- Jesus says, your *faith* has made you whole
- Jesus is saying the *effort* you put forth to reach Me because you *believed* I could heal you made you whole
- Jesus says, go in peace
- If you're wondering what happened to Jairus and his sick daughter, she *died...*
- It looks like Jesus is too late
- Jesus told Jairus to do two things:
 1. Don't be afraid
 2. Only believe
- What Jesus was doing cleansing the atmosphere *fear and unbelief*
- Faith and fear don't go together
- Jesus finally gets to Jairus' house and it's full of mourners
- Jesus said the girl is not "dead", she is only *sleeping*
- The people stopped mourning and started laughing
- Jesus put all the laughers and scoffers and unbelievers *out* of the room
- Jesus went into the room where the girl was and said "Talitha cumi", which means little girl *arise* from this sleep
- Jesus said get her something to eat
- Then Jesus said don't tell anyone what happened
- What has happened will speak for itself!
- But there is one thing you can do is thank him and give Him praise for your miracle