

April Teaching Series

TOUCH OF FAITH

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Luke 8:42b-48

[New International Version]

42b As Jesus was on His way, the crowds almost crushed him.

43 And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her

44 She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped.

45 “Who touched me?” Jesus asked. When they all denied it, Peter said, “Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you.”

46 But Jesus said, “Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me.”

47 Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed.

48 Then he said to her, Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace.”

The Woman with an Issue of Blood

- “A miracle within a miracle”
- “A wayside miracle”
- “An ‘over splash’ of God’s grace, mercy, love and power”

I. The Desperate Condition

A. Physically weak [v. 43]

“subject to bleeding” [NIV]

“an issue of blood” [KJV]

B. Financially drained

“She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse.”

C. Socially detached

Leviticus 15:25-27

D. Spiritually secluded

Leviticus 15:28-31

E. Emotionally broken

II. The Desperate Move

Mark 5:27 - “When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd...”

- She was purpose driven

- She pressed through the crowd
 - She risked getting close to Jesus
 - She confessed her faith
- “If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.” [Mark 5:28]

III. The Desperate Touch

Luke 8:44a She...touched...

“the edge of his cloak” [NIV]

“the hem of his garment” [KJV]

- Numbers 15:37-41

A. Physical healing

Luke 8:44b, 47

[see also Mark 5:29]

“...immediately her bleeding stopped.”

“...how she had been instantly healed.”

Luke 8:45a

“Who touched me?”

Jesus asked.

Luke 8:46

But Jesus said,

“Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me.”

It was a touch of faith!

- The woman was trembling and fell at his feet.
- In the presence of all the people, she declared her faith.

Luke 8:46

B. Spiritual healing

Luke 8:48

“Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace.”

Conclusion:

All it takes is a touch of faith!

A desperate touch is a touch of faith!

- What issues do you face with?
- Don't get lost in the crowd.

Reach out to Jesus... Touch Him now!

He has the answer to your every need.