

THE TOUCH OF FAITH

Mark 5:25-34

Introduction:

1. Jesus is on the way to heal another, Jairus's daughter, when this miracle occurred among a crowd that thronged Jesus.
2. Jesus took time to do the impossible for her.

I. (vv. 25-26) THE TRAGIC DEMANDS ON HER FAITH.

1. (v. 25) She was diseased for 12 years with a hemorrhage.
 - A. Her problem was called a *plague* in verses 29 & 30.
 - B. This disease drained the woman physically, but socially put her away and kept her from having children—a most embarrassing dilemma, and no one could help.
2. (v. 26) She was desperate.
 - A. She had suffered for 12 years and had seen all the doctors and spent herself into poverty, but she only got worse.
 - B. Doctor Luke, in his account in Scripture said, "It was incurable."
 - C. The only doctor she had not seen was Dr. Jesus.
3. (v. 26) She was destitute.
 - A. She was clothed in rags from doctor bills.
 - B. She was a prime candidate to be delivered by Jesus.

[We see not only the Tragic Demands on Faith, but:]

II. (vv. 27-29) THE TESTING OF HER FAITH.

1. (v. 28) She trusted Jesus.
 - A. If only I could touch His garment.
 - B. People heard about Jesus and His fame spread.
 - C. Romans 10:17 – ***Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.***
2. (v. 27) She touched Jesus.
 - A. Her faith in Jesus caused her to reach out and touch the hem of His garment as Matthew 9:20 states.
 - B. She did not want to touch Jesus on the head or hand, because that would be too noticeable, but desired by faith to be healed.
 - C. She wanted to remain unknown in the crowd.

- D. (v. 30) However, when she touched Jesus, virtue went out from the body of Jesus because there was a collision between a desperate lady's faith and the flow of power in the Lord Jesus.
- E. In that moment, the woman felt her body healed by the power of Jesus, and the Bible says that her hemorrhaging or fountain of blood was ceased.

[We see the Tragic Demands on Her Faith, the Testing of Her Faith, but also:]

III. (vv. 30-34) THE TESTIMONY OF HER FAITH.

1. (vv. 30-33) Jesus requires confession.
 - A. Among all the crowds that thronged Jesus, He never misses one who reaches out and touches Him by genuine faith.
 - B. Jesus asked audibly, "Who touched My clothes?", but only Jesus & the woman who was immediately healed knew.
 - C. Jesus called for a public confession—just as He does all of us.
 - D. (Matthew 10:32-33) ***Whosoever therefore shall confess Me before men, him will I confess also before My Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before My Father which is in heaven.***
 - E. (Rom 10:10) ***For with the heart man believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.***
 - F. Jesus demands public confession of faith for two reasons:
 - 1) For our own benefit because Luke 8:47 states that the woman saw she was not hidden among the large crowd. Jesus would not allow her to have missed the public benefit of being delivered from an embarrassing situation. (Disgrace was now gone through open public confession.)
 - 2) Jesus wants public confession to bring glory to Him. Psalm 50:15 says, ***I will deliver, and you shall glorify Me.*** Immediate disgrace gone, and glory was given to God.
2. (v. 34) Jesus rewards confession.
 - A. Her faith had made her well.
 - B. Jesus told her to go in peace for you have a brand-new life.
 - C. (Romans 5:1) ***Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.***

Conclusion:

Jesus is near and will not ignore those who reach out to Him in faith.