

## Opening Passage: PSALMS 117:1-2 (ESV)

### Overview & Setup

W1: Woman at the well

W2: Nicodemus

W3: Zacchaeus

W4: The women who had to get to Jesus

### IMAGINE JESUS IS ON THE SCENE!

- Healing sickness (fever, leprosy, withered limbs)
- Casting out demons
- Raising people from the dead
- Offering forgiveness
- Hanging out with sinners
- Displaying authority over nature (Calming storms)
- Before our story it mentions the news of Jesus had spread 8 times

### Luke 8:40-48 NLT

<sup>40</sup>On the other side of the lake the crowds welcomed Jesus, because they had been waiting for him. <sup>41</sup>Then a man named Jairus, a leader of the local synagogue, came and fell at Jesus' feet, pleading with him to come home with him. <sup>42</sup>His only daughter, who was about twelve years old, was dying. As Jesus went with him, he was surrounded by the crowds. <sup>43</sup>A woman in the crowd had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding, and she could find no cure. <sup>44</sup>Coming up behind Jesus, she touched the fringe of his robe. Immediately, the bleeding stopped. <sup>45</sup>"Who touched me?" Jesus asked. Everyone denied it, and Peter said, "Master, this whole crowd is pressing up against you." <sup>46</sup>But Jesus said, "Someone deliberately touched me, for I felt healing power go out from me." <sup>47</sup>When the woman realized that she could not stay hidden, she began to tremble and fell to her knees in front of him. The whole crowd heard her explain why she had touched him and that she had been immediately healed. <sup>48</sup>"Daughter," he said to her, "your faith has made you well. Go in peace.

### Context:

- **According to the law, her abnormal bleeding made her ritually unclean**
- She was socially isolated, separated from public worship, and considered untouchable
- **According to the other Gospels, she had spent all her money on physicians but only grew worse**
- In her desperation, she thought: *"If I only touch Jesus' robe, I could be healed."*
- **If she broke the law by touching Him, it would have meant:** ritual impurity for herself, social shame, and risk of being shunned by her community

### When Jesus shouted out, "Who touched me?":

- She is trembling (I am going to get publicly shamed).
- This made me think she had heard of Jesus' power, but in this moment she questioned his character.
- How many of us know how powerful God is but fail to believe his goodness?
- This makes me think of another story a few chapters earlier. ([Luke 5:12-13](#))
- Jesus is both able and willing. We can trust him and go to him!
- What we believe about who he is will determine if we run to him or away from him.

### Summary of quotes:

- A.W. Tozer- What we believe about God is one of the most important things about us.
- C.S. Lewis- What we believe about how God thinks of us is infinitely more important than how we think of Him.

**It's important to know:**

- We can believe God is both willing and able, and sometimes he doesn't heal.
- Jesus said in this life we will face many trials and sorrows, but he has overcome.
- Jesus at that time was doing miracles in this way to show that he was God in the flesh. (Hebrews 2:4)
- Paul in Romans 8 mentions, "Does God still love us if...?"
- We can ask for deliverance, but if it persists, he promises to be with us.

**The story continues:**

Parallel between the women:

- Jesus takes time with the lawbreaker.
- Jesus takes time with Jairus, a Jewish religious leader (His timing is perfect).

**God is able and willing. He is always working, and we can trust him whether he heals or doesn't.**

- The hall of faith has two kinds of people:
- Those who shut the mouths of lions, trusted God, and did amazing things.
- Those who were hunted and suffered and refused to turn from God.
- Our testimony in whatever path is a powerful.
- Will we choose to believe who God is regardless of the outcome? (2 Corinthians 12:8)

**CDA CAMPUS DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Luke 8:40-56 – What stands out to you in this week's message and in this story?
2. Read Luke 5:12-14 – Have you ever doubted whether God was willing? or able?
3. If we come to Him with complete faith and He chooses not to take it away or heal, does that mean we didn't have enough faith or did something wrong?
4. Read 2 Cor 12:8 – What do we learn from this story, and why is this verse important for this week?
5. Review and think about A.W. Tozer's and C.S. Lewis' quotes above. What goes through your mind as you process them within this story?
6. What are we called to do as Christians when we doubt God?
7. How was your week, and do you have any prayer requests?

