

the untouchable

face to face | week four

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Text: Luke 8:40–48, Mark 5:25–34, Matthew 9:20–22

Focus: Jesus meets us in our desperation and restores us, giving us grace & new identity

Theme: When faith reaches for Jesus, shame is replaced with peace and wholeness.

Luke 8:40-48 ESV

“Now, when Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him. And there came a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue. And falling at Jesus’ feet, he implored him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As Jesus went, the people pressed around him. And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, and though she had spent all her living on physicians, she could not be healed by anyone. She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, and immediately her discharge of blood ceased. And Jesus said, “Who was it that touched me?” When all denied it, Peter said, “Master, the crowds surround you and are pressing in on you!” But Jesus said, “Someone touched me, for I perceive that power has gone out from me.” And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him, declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.””

Key Ideas for Application:

1 | Her Desperation Led Her to Jesus

- Barriers: Depletion, Depression, Desperation
- Breakthrough: Her belief and faith in what Jesus could do outweighed the barriers
- Application:
 - Our current isolation, self-reliance, and secrecy are crushing
 - Internal and hidden problems are far more dangerous than visible ones
 - We have an enemy who speaks lies and would want us to stay hidden
 - Jesus heals in the light

1 John 1:6-7 ESV

“If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.”

2 | Her Faith Reached Before She Understood

- Barriers: Shame and Condemnation
- Breakthrough: I'm done with everything else but Jesus
- Application: You and I are prone to wander. Jesus is always ready to meet us face to face.

Jeremiah 31:22 NLT

“How long will you wander, my wayward daughter? For the Lord will cause something new to happen— Israel will embrace her God.”

Matthew 11:28-30 NLT

“Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.”

3 | Jesus Restores from Untouchable to Daughter

- Barriers: An outcast who was untouchable
- Breakthrough: Jesus' complete restoration - body, soul, identity
- Application: Through Jesus' sacrifice, He invites us to become heirs, sons, & daughters adopted God's Face is Turned Toward Us Because of Jesus

Deuteronomy 31:18 NLT

“At that time I will hide my face from them on account of all the evil they commit by worshiping other gods.”

Revelation 22:3-5 NIV

“No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.”

The Testimony of this Woman's Faith

Mark 6:54-56 ESV “And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.”

