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"The Woman with the Flow of Blood"

Mark 5:21-34 (ESV)

And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. 22 Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet 23 and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." 24 And he went with him.

And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him. 25 And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, 26 and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. 27 She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. 28 For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well." 29 And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. 30 And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my garments?" 31 And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?'" 32 And he looked around to see who had done it. 33 But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. 34 And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

1. Her Problem

- A Twelve year journey of suffering!

Mark gives us four devastating details about her life:

- She **suffered** under many physicians.
- She **spent everything** she had.
- She **was no better**.
- In fact – she **grew worse**.

So the damage was:

- **Physical** – constant bleeding
- **Financial** – spent everything
- **Social** – considered unclean
- **Relational** – cut off from normal life
- **Spiritual** – unable to participate in worship

Desperation is often the doorway to Jesus.

2. Jesus' Solution

Why did Jesus stop?

He could have let her slip away anonymously, but He doesn't.

Jesus isn't *just* interested in **healing one part** - He cares to restore the *whole person*

- Mark 5:34 (ESV) "And he said to her, "**Daughter**, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."
- Galatians 3:26, 29 (NLT) For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 29 And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham belongs to you.

In one word Jesus publicly changes her identity - "**daughter**"

God heals in several ways:

- **Our bodies heal naturally** – God designed them that way.
- **Through medicine and skilled people** – gifts God gives.
- **Sometimes miraculously** – when God chooses.
- **Ultimately in heaven** – when all things are made new.

God sometimes says: “**Yes**”, sometimes “**No**”, and sometimes “**Yes, but not in your timing**.”

3. Our Part – Telling the Whole Truth

- **Mark 5:33 (ESV)** But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth.
- She shares about a 12 year journey she’s been on. He listens to it all.

Her story later gave others hope...

- **Mark 6:56 (ESV)** 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.

Application Questions:

- 1) Do you know who you are?
- 2) Are you reaching for Jesus?
- 3) Are you willing to let God use your *whole* story?
- 4) Am I a barrier to someone around me who’s reaching for Jesus?



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