

## Relentless Faith in God<sup>3</sup>

### Series part<sup>3</sup>

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**Scripture Text: Luke 8:43-48 ESV**<sup>43</sup> And there was a woman who 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. <sup>44</sup> She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, and immediately her discharge of blood ceased. <sup>45</sup> 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!” <sup>46</sup> But Jesus said, “Someone touched me, for I perceive that power has gone out from me.” <sup>47</sup> 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. <sup>48</sup> And he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.”

**VERSE 43** *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.*

As spoken of in the scriptures, this woman had to be from someone's family. Due to her issue of blood and Levitical Law, she was considered unclean and contact with others was limited. (**Levitical 15:19-31**) for seven days. In twelve years, she had never stopped losing blood. There was nothing normal about her life and to have close contact with others was nearly impossible. All her money was used to pay physicians to find a cure, but none was available within those 12 years.

Stretched to her limits without resources, she had heard about Jesus and His ability to heal others. Although very weak, she sought him for a cure! Though she was very weak in body and spirit, she made her way through the crowd to Jesus with laser-like focus.

**VERSE 44** *She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, and immediately her discharge of blood ceased.*

The people were pressing in to see this man of miracles. Some were there just out of curiosity... what did He look like? Some were there to see and hear what He had to say about the establishment. Some were there to see if He would perform miracles, as they had been told. Some were there because others were following Him, and they were caught up in the crowd to see what would happen.

She relentlessly reached Jesus and refused to be hindered by a crowd and His disciples. So, she made her way from behind, binding over and squeezing her arms and shoulders between the legs of others. She was praying and hoping with all her heart to extend her reach and touch Him. Probably with three fingers, she was able to grab the hem of His garment, and instantly, power entered her body, and the flow of blood stopped.

**VERSE 45** *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!”*

After a surge of people pushed their way toward Jesus to get as close as possible, someone’s personal prayer was answered. Whenever Jesus asks a question, it demands an answer. He asked, “Who touched me?” There was no response because there were so many people who had brushed up against Him in the crowd.

Out of all the people in the crowd, only one person truly touched Jesus because her motive was pure, and she was in dire need. She wasn’t there to follow the crowd! She wasn’t there to hear Him address their oppressors! She wasn’t there to see a miracle! **She was there to be a miracle!**

**VERSE 46** *But Jesus said, “Someone touched me, for I perceive that power has gone out from me.”*

Jesus made it clear that someone had really touched him in a way that was supernatural. Power went out of His body into another person for the glory of God. As you observe this story, you can see **True Faith** has no bounds or barriers. Jesus said, *“Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. 24 Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. (Mark 11:23-24 ESV).*

She suffered for twelve long years... day after day bleeding, seeking healing to be cured and separated from loved ones. In all her trials, her daily focus was to be healed and have a normal life. She had relentless faith in God to provide an answer!

**VERSE 47** *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.*

She had the boldness to declare her testimony before all those who may have judged her and counted her unworthy to touch **JESUS**. The law declared she was unclean and gave instructions for her purifications. On that day she encountered the only one who fulfilled all the requirements of the Law. **Matthew 5:17 ESV** *“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law of the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.*

**VERSE 48** *And He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.”*

The Word of God promises when we align our lives with the Lord, we will get our joy back, our peace back, our hope back, our desires back, our identity back, and our relationship back with the Father. This story teaches us in Matthew, Luke and Mark that Jesus is always avail to those who earnestly seek Him.

**Applications:**

The reward is always greater than the risk in following the prompting of the Holy Spirit. Our faith in Christ takes us from fear to fulfillment.