

# Day 21



**Read: Luke 8:43-48**

The woman in this story has suffered from a bleeding disorder for 12 years. In addition to the daily struggle of her physical health, this nameless woman was also ceremonially unclean (Leviticus 15), resulting in emotional and social isolation. Though we may not be able to relate to her exact condition, we've all experienced mental, physical, or emotional hardships that never seemed to end. Maybe you're there right now.

I love so many things about this Jesus meeting. First, the woman moves from a constant state of isolation to the middle of a crowd and finds Jesus right there in the chaos. As a busy mom of a toddler and 4 month old, this is an amazing blessing! "Leaning In" isn't always a warm fireplace, a cup of coffee, and a 30-minute quiet time with no distractions. This Jesus encounter and healing took place in a massive crowd because the woman kept her faith focused on Jesus.

Second, she believed that simply the hem of Jesus' garment would heal her. I'm sure the shame of her condition (not to mention that she was breaking the law by even being there) made her want to sneak in and out quietly. But Jesus saw this isolated, faith-filled woman! Filled with compassion, He stopped- not to shame her for breaking the law- but to make sure she knew her true identity by calling her His "daughter."

Today, God is calling you by name- "son" or "daughter". It may not be as quiet or as picturesque as you hoped, but Jesus is with you in the middle of it all, ready to heal you with simply the hem of His garment.

## PRAY

- **Adore:** Thank God for His presence in the chaos of everyday moments and His faithfulness to meet you there with all that you need for the day.
- **Ask:** Ask God for eyes to see him and ears to hear His plan for you in every moment of today.
- **Act:** When God reveals his presence to you during the day, be obedient to what he is asking you to do! It might be sharing your faith, paying for someone's meal or simply lending a listening ear to someone needing encouragement.