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Reaching for
the Impossible
When You Have

Nothing Left to Lose



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(FAITH) OXFORD DICTIONARY

1. Complete trust or confidence in someone or something.
2. Strong belief in God or in the doctrines of a religion, based on spiritual apprehension rather than proof.

HEBREWS 11:1

Now faith is the **certainty** of things **hoped** for, a **proof** of **things not seen**.

QUOTE

“Faith is not a leap in the dark; it’s the exact opposite. It’s a commitment based on evidence... It is irrational to reduce all faith to blind faith and then subject it to ridicule. That provides a very anti-intellectual and convenient way of avoiding intelligent discussion.”

– *John Lennox*

QUOTE

“Indeed, faith is a response to evidence, not a rejoicing in the absence of evidence.”

— **John Lennox**, **God's Undertaker: Has Science Buried God?**

MATTHEW 9:18-22

While He was saying these things to them, behold, a synagogue official came and bowed down before Him, and said, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay Your hand on her, and she will become alive again.”¹⁹ Jesus got up from the table and began to accompany him, along with His disciples.

MATTHEW 9:18-22

²⁰ And behold, a woman who had been suffering from a hemorrhage for twelve years came up behind Him, and touched the border of His cloak; ²¹ for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch His cloak, I will get well.” ²² But Jesus, turning and seeing her, said, “Daughter, take courage; your faith has made you well.” And at once the woman was made well.

LUKE 8:40-48

And as Jesus was returning, the people welcomed Him, for they had all been waiting for Him. ⁴¹ And a man named Jairus came, and he was an official of the synagogue; and he fell at Jesus' feet, and began urging Him to come to his house;

LUKE 8:40-48

⁴² for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, and she was dying. But as He went, the crowds were pressing against Him.

LUKE 8:40-48

⁴³ And a woman who had suffered a chronic flow of blood for twelve years, and could not be healed by anyone,
⁴⁴ came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped.

THE UNCLEAN & OUTCAST

Based on Levitical Law, a woman who bled more than usual was declared unclean, and anyone who touched would also be considered ceremonially unclean.

LEVITICUS 15:25–30

Now if a woman has a discharge of her blood for many days, not at the period of her menstrual impurity, or if she has a discharge beyond that period, for all the days of her impure discharge she shall continue as though in her menstrual impurity; she is unclean.

LEVITICUS 15:25-30

²⁶ Any bed on which she lies all the days of her discharge shall be to her like her bed at menstruation; and every object on which she sits shall be unclean, like her uncleanness at that time.

LEVITICUS 15:25–30

²⁷ Likewise, whoever touches them shall be unclean, and shall wash his clothes and bathe in water and be unclean until evening. ²⁸ When she becomes clean from her discharge, she shall count off for herself seven days; and afterward she will be clean.

LEVITICUS 15:25-30

²⁹ Then on the eighth day she shall take for herself two turtledoves or two young doves, and bring them to the priest, to the doorway of the tent of meeting. ³⁰ And the priest shall offer the one as a sin offering, and the other as a burnt offering. So the priest shall make atonement on her behalf before the LORD because of her impure discharge.'

LUKE 8:40-48

⁴⁵ And Jesus said, “Who is the one who touched Me?” And while they were all denying it, Peter said, “Master, the people are crowding and pressing in on You.” ⁴⁶ But Jesus said, “Someone did touch Me, for I was aware that power had left Me.”

LUKE 8:40-48

⁴⁷ Now when the woman saw that she had not escaped notice, she came trembling and fell down before Him, and admitted in the presence of all the people the reason why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed.

LUKE 8:40-48

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

MARK 5:25–34

A woman who had had a hemorrhage for twelve years,²⁶ and had endured much at the hands of many physicians, and had spent all that she had and was not helped at all, but instead had become worse—²⁷ after hearing about Jesus, she came up in the crowd behind Him and touched His cloak.

MARK 5:25–34

²⁸ For she had been saying to herself, “If I just touch His garments, I will get well.” ²⁹ And immediately the flow of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.

MARK 5:25-34

³⁰ And immediately Jesus, perceiving in Himself that power from Him had gone out, turned around in the crowd and said, “Who touched My garments?” ³¹ And His disciples said to Him, “You see the crowd pressing in on You, and You say, ‘Who touched Me?’”

MARK 5:25–34

³² And He looked around to see the woman who had done this. ³³ But the woman, fearing and trembling, aware of what had happened to her, came 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 cured of your disease.”