

Uncommon: Different on Purpose

Uncommon Hope

Matthew 9:20-22

“And behold, a woman who had suffered from a discharge of blood for twelve years came up behind him & touched the fringe of his garment, for she said to herself, ‘If I only touch his garment, I will be made well.’ Jesus turned, & seeing her he said, ‘Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.’” **Matthew 9:20-22**

Main Idea: Uncommon Hope Results from Total Trust in Jesus

I. Uncommon Hope Trusts in Jesus Through Hopeless Situations

To gain a fuller understanding of this woman's hopeless situation we look to another one of the gospel accounts of this incident. Consider...

“As Jesus went, the people pressed around him. 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.” **Luke 8:42b-43**

This woman's circumstances were hopeless, but she had heard of a man who could do the impossible.

“What is impossible with man is possible with God.” **Luke 18:27b**

You may be facing hopeless circumstances, but I can promise you that trusting in Jesus is never wasted. He is more than able to sustain you through everyone! As you place your trust in him (rather than your circumstances) ...

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II. Uncommon Hope Trusts in Jesus by Acting in Faith

“... (she) came up behind him & touched the fringe of his garment, for she said to herself, ‘If I only touch his garment, I will be made well.’” **Matthew 9:20b-21**

“And now, O LORD, for what do I wait? My hope is in you.” **Psalms 39:7**

Where is God calling you to exercise Uncommon Hope? And what action steps is he directing you to take rooted in trusting in Jesus? If you trust him, ACT!

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III. Uncommon Hope Trusts in Jesus to Always Come Through

In the case of this woman, Jesus' response was shocking! He immediately knew that he had been touched in faith.

“Jesus turned, & seeing her he said, ‘Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.’” **Matthew 9:22**

“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 immediately been healed. And he said to her, ‘Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.’” **Luke 8:44-48**

Jesus knew who touched him and why, but he always calls us out of our shame into the light to fully experience His healing power. He desires to heal our souls!!!

“The woman nobody wanted Jesus now refers to as ‘precious sweetheart.’ The woman no one would touch is now being embraced by the arms that shaped the stars. The name nobody else knows, Jesus knows. He’s on more than a first-name basis with her...the only way for Jesus to send this woman home in peace was for him to take her shame from her. She went home in peace that day, restored to her family, and he headed toward the cross, where he’d be hung in shame and forsaken by his father.” **J.D. Greear**

The point of this passage is not that Jesus is obligated to do ‘whatever we are hoping for’, but that hope in Jesus is never misplaced

“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.” **Romans 5:1-5**

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Uncommon Hope Trusts in Jesus

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