

12 YEARS A SLAVE

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A large crowd followed and pressed around him. And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse.

When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?" "You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, "Who touched me?"

*But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering." **Mark 5:24b-34 (NIV)***

*A woman in the crowd had **suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding.** **Mark 5:25 (NLT)***

*She had suffered a great deal from many doctors, and over the years she had **spent everything she had to pay them,** but she had gotten no better. In fact, she had gotten worse. **Mark 5:26 (NLT):***

*If a woman has a flow of blood for many days that is unrelated to her menstrual period, or if the blood continues beyond the normal period, **she is ceremonially unclean.** As during her menstrual period, the woman will be unclean as long as the discharge continues. **Leviticus 15:25 (NLT)***

*"She had heard about Jesus..." **Mark 5:27a (NLT)***

Jesus + Nothing = Everything!

*So she came up behind him through the crowd and **touched his robe.** For she thought to herself, "If I can just touch his robe, **I will be healed.**" Immediately the **bleeding stopped,** and she could feel in her body that she had been healed of her **terrible condition.** **Mark 5:27b-29 (NLT)***

Jesus realized at once that healing power had gone out from him, so he turned around in the crowd and asked, "*Who touched my robe?*" His disciples said to him, "Look at this crowd pressing around you. How can you ask, 'Who touched me?'" **Mark 5:30-33 (NLT)**

And he said to her, "Daughter, *your faith* has made you well. Go in peace. Your suffering is over." **Mark 5:34 (NLT)**

Jesus Loves To Respond To Faith!

You can never please God *without faith*, without depending on him. Anyone who wants to come to God must believe that there is a God and that *He rewards those* who sincerely look for him. **Hebrews 11:6 (TLB)**

Three things the woman did...

- She recognized that she **had issues**.
- She was ready and willing **to change**.
- She realized that Jesus was her **only hope**.