

ONE SMALL STEP: HEALING

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I. ONE SMALL STEP

A. A spiritual experience sometimes requires a physical step.

Mark 5:24-25 A large crowd followed and pressed around Him. And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years.

Mark 5:26 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.

B. We live in a broken world.

C. God is not breaking the world. He is healing it.

Mark 5:27 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."

Matthew 4:23-24 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. News about Him spread all over Syria, and people brought to Him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and He healed them.

II. JESUS IS OUR HEALER.

Isaiah 53:5 But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed.

Matthew 8:16-17 When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to Him, and He drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "He took up our infirmities and bore our diseases."

A. As a church, we believe that the things Jesus did in the New Testament He is still doing today.

Mark 5:27 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."

B. Healing starts with reaching.

James 2:17 In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

James 2:26 As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

- **For faith to be realized, it must be expressed in action.**

Mark 5:29 Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

C. Jesus is greater than your uncleanness.

Mark 5:30 At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from Him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, “Who touched my clothes?”

D. God has the power to heal in response to faith.

Luke 8:46 But Jesus said, “Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me.”

III. WHY DOES GOD NOT ALWAYS HEAL?

A. God has promised to heal you, but He may not have healed you yet.

Mark 5:31-32 “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.

B. Jesus is looking for those who are reaching out to Him.

- **In this hectic world we live in, Jesus is looking for you.**

Mark 5:33 Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at His feet and, trembling with fear, told Him the whole truth.

IV. DO I HAVE TO STEP TO THE FRONT TO BE HEALED?

A. A spiritual experience sometimes requires a physical step.

- **When we reach out to Jesus, we replace our fear with faith.**

B. Healing is often not just for the person who has been healed.

John 20:30-31 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Mark 5:34 He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.”

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James 5:14-16 Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.