

Jesus the Messiah Heals a Bleeding Woman

I. Slide1 Announce:

A. Slide2 Giving Month. Thanksgiving Eve.

B. Richie just led us in, *Holy, there is no one like You, There is none besides You, Open up my eyes in **wonder** and show me **who** You are. Pray:*

II. Slide3 Intro:

A. Tonight like last week, I am going to tell you a story. Then I will re-tell it a 2nd time

1. Then you will help me *retell* pieces of the story. (not repeat it, *retell*)

a) Not about *memorizing* the story but **internalizing** it.

2. Then you will be answering **questions** about the story.

III. Slide4 HOW TO TAKE OUR PAIN TO GOD [based on Mark 5:25-33]

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A. Slide5 Here is a **story** from the **book** about *the life of our Master Jesus*. It tells how Jesus **healed a woman** who had been *suffering* for many years.

1. One day, Jesus was *on his way to help a girl* who was very ill. As he went, there were **crowds** of people around him, **all pushing** to get near him.

2. There was a woman in the crowd who had been *bleeding* for **12 years**. (This made her **ritually unclean**, and anyone she touched would become **unclean** also)

3. She had *suffered* under the care of many doctors & had spent all her \$. *Instead of helping her get better, they made her worse!*

4. When she heard Jesus was passing by, she walked behind him and **touched his robe**. She thought, *"If only I could touch the hem of his robe, I will be healed!"*

5. **And she was!** The moment she touched his robe, her bleeding stopped **and** she felt in her body that she was **free** from her *suffering*!

6. But immediately Jesus sensed that **power** had gone out of him. He turned around and asked, *“Who touched my robe?”*
7. No one answered. His disciples said, *“But Master, all these people are **pushing** around you. How can you ask **who touched you?**”*
8. But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. With *great courage*, the woman came to Jesus, trembling with *fear*. She **fell down** at his feet and told him *the whole truth*.
9. Then Jesus said to her, *“**Daughter**, your **faith** has made you **well**. Go in peace. **Be freed from your suffering.**”*

B. *Would you like to hear it a 2nd time?

C. **Side Note:** If you’re going to Israel with us. Magdala. Daniel Carriola, *“It’s not about the feet but the hand.”*

D. Discussion Questions

1. What happened first in this story? Next? Next?
2. What did you **like** about this story?
3. What was **difficult** for you about this story?
4. How would you **describe** this woman?
 - a) The woman was **helpless**, **desperate** because she had spent all her money and couldn’t find a cure. She was **publicly shamed** because of her illness, she was **alone**, and she was also **very courageous**.
5. What happened when she touched Jesus?
 - a) She **felt** inside her body that **her bleeding had stopped** and **she was healed**.
6. *Why do you think Jesus **didn’t just let her disappear** into the crowd?
 - a) Jesus wanted to heal her **fully**, not just *physically*.
7. How did she think Jesus would **treat her** if he knew her story?

a) She thought Jesus would **reject** her (in Hebrew culture, bleeding of this kind would have made her **religiously/ritually unclean**, and by law, she would have to be **isolated**).

8. How did he treat her?

a) He **called** *her daughter*, **healed** her, and **restored** her honor with her *community*.

9. How did he take away her shame?

a) Jesus called her **daughter**. Restoring her honor by healing her physically and making her clean. He also restored her to her **community**, removing the isolation and shame that came from her disease.

10. Slide 6 Have you ever felt ashamed of your story? How do you think **Jesus** would respond if you told him your story?

a) Jesus would respond the same way, with **compassion** and **healing**, removing our shame and **healing** our hearts.

11. Consider telling Him **your** story later tonight.

E. Her Pressures:

1. **Physically** – most likely a **chronic menstrual disorder**.
2. **Emotionally** – It would have **sapped her strength** day after day.
3. **Mentally** - It was apparently **incurable**. She was at the end of her ropes.
4. **Sexually** – she could not touch her **husband** according to Levitical law.
5. **Maternally** – she could not have **children**.
6. **Domestically** – anything she touched was considered unclean.
No washing dishes, no sweeping floors.
7. **Financially** – She spent **all** that she had (26).
8. **Societally** – She **defiled** everyone she touched. (Lev.15:25-27 was **unclean**)
9. **Spiritually** – This barred her from **worship** in the Temple.

- a) **This woman represents all of humanity.** We are all ill. We have spent all our resources. *We've tried all of the worlds remedies.* We must not fear our faith is *too weak, too immature, nor too ignorant.* **We must fear only 1 thing...that we let Him pass** w/o reaching out & touching Him.

IV. 3 Questions to ask: (young 18 yr old friend)

A. What **happened**?

B. How did you **feel**?

C. What was the **hardest** part for you?

D. *Don't come with a **thimble**, when God has nothing less to give you **than the ocean of Himself.***