

was suffering from a issue of blood. In the 15th chapter of Leviticus in verses 19 to 27 - we find careful instruction as how ~~XXXX~~ any person suffering from any form of any malady were to be treated - they were to be segregate from the group of worshipers so long as it continued this woman had suffered from this trouble for ~~fort~~ twelve years and therefor she had been segregated in certain ways - there was a conception that this form of disease - may have resulted from sin. What ever her case it was a serious one, and she had suffered for twelve years without any kind of cure and the doctor had perhaps done there utmost for her but they had failed.

This woman was First of all excommunicated from the temple and the synagogue with religious rights. More over it coused her to be divorced from her husband and shut her out from family life and of course she was an outcast from society.

Twelve years had passed and she was still hopeless she had spent all her money she had been reduced of property and she was not only helpless she was hopeless.

Let us remember that here is a crowd and crowds are always instresting if you read the gospels you would find that Jesus was fond of crowds he blessed them, he rejoiced in the crowds. And in this crowd there were sightseers, gossipers and there were people who just crowded around for courosity then lets not

Sermon Notes: The Hem of His Garment Luke 8: 43 - 48

Introduction - in the gospel we have the record of six persons which Jesus touched and who were healed by the touch of his divine power. In this story we have it reversed, here is one who touched Jesus.

We have a miracle within a miracle here and we might call it a way side miracle - as we remember that Jesus is confronted here with the healing of Jairus daughter and ruler of the synagogue who had gone to Jesus and asked him to deal with his little girl who was at the point of death. Since the scribes and the phar were enemies of Jesus it took a great deal of courage of this man to come and ask Jesus to come and bless his little daughter he too had called upon physicians and doctor's without avail because his daughter was going to die. And he had come as an urgent for immediate action and Jesus had arose immediately to go to his house. You will remember when Lazarus was sick and word was passed along to Jesus he waited three days before he went to Bethney but on this accasion he arises immediately to go to the ruler house and word quickly spread that he was going to this ruler house to heal his daughter everywhere people left there homes and their shops to join in the crowd to go toward the mansion of the rich ruler or the cheif ruler of the synagogue. No sooner had he returned to his home land then he was on a errand of mercy.



The story here is one of a miracle within a miracle - for here we found there is an interruption on the way to his house, and Jesus stopped to deal with this woman who had come to seek his help.

### I. The Sick Woman

Here was an unfortunate woman - she must have been a young woman, but hard labor and sorrow - and the drain of her disease had somewhat writhed up the flower of her youth, for twelve years she had suffered from a hemorrhage - this grievous disease had not only weaken her body but it had depressed her spirit. It made her a social outcase if she was a married woman she was compelled to leave her husband. She could not go into the temple and the places of sacrifices. If she touched a person or any object, that person or object were defiled, if any other person touched her that person was made clean.

It was a sad plight because this unfortunate woman had gone from one physician to another, she had took all her money and there was no cure. Mark said she spent everything she had and was <sup>none</sup> better and was getting worse, and twelve long years had passed. Think of all the things you have done, the

place you have gone, the sights you have seen, the joys you have had in the passed twelve years, now think of twelve years of misery as this woman had seen her strength and health waste away, and her fortune completely consumed in search of healing. For twelve years she had suffered probably a bleeding cancer. They knew nothing of radium or X-rays in that day and of surgery as we know it, and the pain relieving drugs that we have today, she had gone to many physicians but had grown steadily worse.

I don't know this woman name or her station in life. She could have been anybody, pain, suffering, heartbreak, or no respecter of persons, there are a number of people today who search for hope, who search for peace and have not found it from there suffering physically, some have been suffering for twelve years. Some have been suffering for twenty years. Many today suffer from a burden conscience of sin committed years ago.

This woman who had twelve years of suffering the period of her trouble had been as long as that of Jairus daughter joy. In the case of Jairus he had his child for twelve years and now it was an hour of desolation and he sought the help of Christ.

Mark and Matthew and Luke, tell us the facts about this woman - and it is easy for those who may be in health and strength to reap them without grasping it significans - she



many parts on radio, TV, Newspapers, Magi. the best scolars have written books about him. In every town and country side we have churches, surely we can sing we have heard the joyful sound that Jesus saves. Yet the tragic thing is that though we have heard we have not come to give him a chance in our lives.

On this day there was in the streets this woman who had heard. Now you can see her standing against the wall trying to make herself inconspicuous as possible. Should somebody recognize her and order her away, she had heard things about Jesus, she had heard before that he was going now to heal a little girl of twelve years of age.

That is what Paul meant when he said who ever shall call on the name of the lord shall be saved, how then shall they call on him that they have not believed, and how shall they believe in him that they have not heard, and how shall they hear without a preacher.

The preacher in this case had been the neighbors they heard about Jesus. And she had heard many thing that he had wrought and she had heard that he was on the way to bless this little girl.

### III. A Definite Purpose

This woman stands there an waits, waiting and hoping that Jesus might pass by she has just one purpose in mind, and she

forget this woman, that God will open our eyes and we will see the blessings she has to teach us and most of all let us not forget why she is there. She is weak and she is timid, and in the middle of this crowd she is not seeking life she is seeking help. Her life had been a life of disease day by day. Her strength was being drained away from her by this burden. Her life had been a life of disgrace because this disease meant she was defiled and it caused people to look upon her as a sinful and unholy woman, it deprived her of the fellowship of her friends and her family, it deprived her of fellowship even in the place of worship.

Her life had been a life of disappointment. I wonder if we could really imagine and realize the broken heart the worried soul behind this woman when she said I have suffered all things of my physicians and I am no better I am worse.

### II She Heard of Jesus

When news reached her of Jesus there was hope again. Perhaps from him I may get what I have failed to get from others. As we come to consider the fact that she heard of Jesus we might well say that this woman is a picture of your life, you have life you may not have health and you may be justified by faith and you may rejoice in the glory and the hope of God



but you have not health for twenty or forty years or less your life may have been like hers. (Day by Day) life seems to be difficult for you, and there is something within you that cause you not to live up to the profession that you have made in Christ Jesus and there is some shame, in you life there may be something that seems to be missing - there may be some loss - (think what many Christians miss by not being filled with the holy spirit)

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Think of what many christians miss when they do not know the (fulness of life in Jesus Christ) - Think what they have missed when there is (no experience of answered prayer) in their life. There is (no victor) over the power of sin - there is (no freedom) in bearing witness for Jesus Christ - your life may be a life of disappointment and like this woman you may have tried a lots of things. You may have attended services, or penitance, or pledge yourself to do better and yet all of it through disappointment.

It was (when she had heard) the thing concerning Jesus that she came to him, what these were we can suppose his fame as a healer of disease was now spread in many parts. For this woman it was enough she was filled with a belief that he was able to heal her, she (never seems) to have doubted for a moment that he could heal her providing that she could reach him. Have heard the things of Jesus this woman was the inspiration of her great

of her great adventure.

Now we may inquire (what) had she heard. We must remember that his fame had spread abroad across the country side. Every one was talking about him, about certain things that had taken place. In all possibilities she had heard how he had entered the house of Peter and raised from the dead a feverish (mother-in-law) or he had come face to face with a (leper) and had cleansed him or he had raised the (son) of the widow of Nain or he had stilled the (storm) on the lake. This woman who had been an outcast divorced excuminated probably through no sin of her own, but through wide spread misconceptions and misunderstanding this woman who have tried every thing and spent all her money in doing so heard about Jesus.

We must realize that (she had tried) everything else and Jesus was her last resort and her lost hope. May it be said to her glory, that the (first time) she heard of him she came unlike many people today wait as a last resort they have heard of Jesus before. But this woman had been sick for twelve years. And Jesus had only been known for a few months. There were (no books) at that time about Christ, no (newspapers) to spread his fame, no (church) organization for the purpose of telling his message abroad, yet she had heard it and she believed it.

How different (today the name of Jesus) is well known in



disappointment. She could not go to the place of worship. And if she had thought of all the injustices of God and the unfairness of men, as people today do. Well I'll admit my mistakes, but they excuse themselves with the ability with self pity, bad circumstances or what or people are doing.

When life is going badly with you how do you talk with yourself? This woman had heard what Jesus had done for others and she believed. She said if I could just touch him, I won't ask him to come to my house, I won't ask him to put his hands on my head, I won't even ask him to speak to me, if I can just touch him.

Through the crowd she made her way with the least attention, and with great effort to touch the hem of his garment. The very lowest part what a lovely humility we see in this woman. She was not too proud to get down on her knees and touch the hem of his garment what complete faith we see in this woman. No one in the crowd even noticed her, that is no one but Jesus, but she might touch the border or the hem of the garment as described in numbers chapter 15 verse 37 - 39.

#### IV What Happen to This Woman

She was now close enough at hand and she saw him passing and she saw his garment, and she forced her way through this

inter the stir of the multitudes the tramp of feet the boys running ahead of the crowds, the cries of the children, and suddenly she see Jesus approaching. Beside him walks Jairus who is aside in rich robes of a ruler the other elders of the synagogue the prominent people are around him, the crowds are pressing close behind him, and on either side, they are walking rapidly because time is valuable, a little girl is at the point of death.

But here is a woman over here next to the wall she lifts her head.

She talks to herself she is saying but if I touch his garment I will be made whole, if I can but reach the hem of the garment. This is her one definite purpose. But I am only an out-cast and so were the lepers they were unclean to, yet she had heard that they were healed. Another thing that stood in the way of this woman was that Jesus was on his way to the home of a rich man, here she was a poor pennyless woman, who had spent everything on the physicians and had nothing with which to pay. Would he hear her cries?

Jesus was passing by, passing and soon would be gone, and soon her chances would also be gone. She resolved with one definite purpose to catch him. She stepped out into the streets and moves into the crowd and works her way through



and seek to get close to Jesus.

Every loyal Jew they tell us - wore 4 tassels on his garment bound in blue, these hung on the four corners of the robe, one at each side, one in front and one behind, this was the hem of the garment. And this was the thing that the woman wanted to put out her hand and touch. That tassel which hangs down behind.

What is she doing? she has this definite purpose, she is not thinking of herself and her pains are forgotten, she has suffered disappointments, her great thought now is that she might touch Jesus.

And another thing this woman did not think about the person next to her. As so many people today, think about what somebody else is going to think or say, should they come all out for Jesus Christ. If this woman had thought about her neighbors she would have been panic stricken, she said if only I can touch him, if only I can touch him.

If this night is to end for you as it did for that woman, you must act, as she did. You must give up thinking about people yourself, and those around you, and you must concentrate not upon your neighbor not upon the preacher, not upon anything else but your coming to Jesus Christ.

She was think that Christ could do it and she was also thinking that Christ would do it. If I can but touch I shall be made whole

It takes but a small part of the gospel truth to save a soul, provided there is faith, and this prompted immediate action on her part.

There were many people who pressed him that day. But only one touched him. This is a glorious truth that instructs us the woman came in vital touch with Jesus Christ. She was convinced of her disease and of her danger, there are many nominal followers of Christ who try to persuade themselves that sin is not fatal, and they will go to other physicians, but this woman when straight to Jesus when she heard that he was there.

There is another truth there are to many of us who are waiting for a convent season to dedicate our lives completely to Jesus Christ. This woman had the most unconvent seson any other person ever had, and yet because of her purpose she was blessed. Jairus and the people were hurring Jesus along, it was the worse time and the worse place for her even to hope to be saved or to get help. When we think about her case, and had she waited for more light or ~~more~~ had she waited until she had been pureified and she could stand before the saviour, she never would have been blessed. Her body was racked with pain, her opportunity to be a wife and mother have vanished, she had suffered



and confession was always necessary. Someone in a great crowd may make contact with Christ and receive the very spiritual help that they are seeking. This is an important case, because Jesus had delayed going on his mission to listen to a confession of this woman.

We must remember here stands one who is (pennyless), (friendless), (divorced), and the Lord understood it all, he knew how difficult it was for one under suspicion to be received in respectable society. He knew that this woman was not looked upon favorably by the religious leaders, he knew that this woman was not looked upon favorably by her family, and he had recognized her when he said daughter. Which meant that she was adopted into the family of God.

This (costs) her a confession of faith. Had she been allowed to slip away unnoticed it would have costs her two things. First the honor of confessing her faith, second of having her cure confirmed. Had she gone on she would not have known and had the comfort that her body had been healed and that she had expressed such great faith.

To confess with the mouth is an essential part of the salvation that comes with believing with the heart. With the heart man believeth unto righteousness. With the mouth confession is made unto salvation. The salvation is neither comforting or complete until it is openly acknowledged.

crowd and she grasp and touched the hem of the garment. Twelve long years of suffering disappeared her blood was staunch, and she knew it and she endeavored to quietly endeavored to slip away, this woman who was an outcast, helpless here about Jesus she touched the hem of his garment.

Of course the eyes of Jesus turned in her direction because he had done for her - he had faltered in his journey and he asked the question - who touched me. When this question was asked by our Lord Peter and the disciples were astonished because Luke said it seemed almost impossible to know who touched him in all this great crowd, many had contacted him and many had been in the crowd moving along with you and yet Jesus knew the difference. The disciples were somewhat disturbed because they thought that it was somewhat impossible to tell in that huge crowd one individual that had touched Jesus on that day.

But we know that Jesus deals with the individual, when we talk about the number of people, there are but God thinks about our names, he calls his own sheep by name said Jesus in John 10:3.

Don't say that (God is not interested in me.) Remember that the human touch can draw on the power of God and claim his attentions.

We sing and he walks with me and he talks with me and



he tells me I am his own, but for many that is just a song. It is not a real experience. The trouble is that we are out of touch with him. We have never touched him. That very thing happens again and again in a church service. We are one of the crowd we feel our need we sing and we listen to the sermon, but we go away unhelped, and we come so close to Jesus and we come so close to touching him.

Will Jesus find out who touched him? Will he think her touch was unclean, will he punish her for that? Peter said none of us touched thee, and the master knew that Kē all were concerned. Jairus was concerned because his daughter was at the point of death, and here they were waiting.

But we know that one cannot be hid from Jesus. But that Jesus will know it and she will be exposed and she will come trembling and falls down before him, after she tells the story of her sickness and of her illness in long years and Jesus spoke to her.

He called her daughter its a tender word and Jesus is going to heal the little twelve year old daughter, now he has healed this daughter, who touched the hem of his garment. We know that this was a sudden cure, we know that if she had had to cure herself it would have taken many more year because it had already

taken her twelve years.

It was a consience cure she felt she was healed and she could bear definite witness.

It was a complete cure immediately she was healed.

And we see here that Jesus is interested in the individual. Jesus's ministry was brief, and yet he was always dealing with individuals. He called Ezra in the top of a sickomere tree, at the gate of Jerico and he called him down. He saw the beggar who was crying have mercy on me, and he stopped and open his eyes. Even as he hung on the cross he took time to save and individual and take him to heaven with him. You may feel that no man is interested in you and that no man careith for your soul but you are mistaken, there is one that is deeply interested in you.

This miracle of faith shows that Jesus is interested in you. That she was healed. And Jesus pointed out that it was not the touch but it was the faith of this woman.

But something more was necessary and she knew that according to law, she had defiled Jesus, that she was not supposed to do that or contact him. But we know that Jesus even recieved sinners and people were complaining that he would be defiled



It that what so many comfortless Christians. Who try to slip off. Who will not confirm there faith in Jesus Christ or who may hear someday the words of Jesus I never knew you.

We must remember it is of God if the healing is to come into the besetting sins, that you have in your life, to be concured, then it is of God. You may be completely cured Jesus Christ is equal to every claim that you might place upon him you must confess that you need this cure.

The final words of Jesus to this woman Be of Good Courage and go in peace. Good Courage whatever fear might have possessed her concerning her uncertain future and on account of human opinion concerning her he told her that there was no reason to fear, he pronounced the word of healing, she was already healed, but eh pronounced it and he said go in peace.

This thing that happen so many years ago can be repeated again in the congregation. Multitudes were pressing upon ~~him~~ Jesus Christ ~~again and again~~ as we gather here. Now we may be hidden away in the crowd and someone may stretch a hand of faith and ~~find~~ ~~a~~ find a great need ~~met~~ met. Maybe there is a man or woman someone here to night who has the spiritual illness and he may find healing instancely.

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She only touched the hem of his garment,  
As to his side she stole,  
Amide the crowd that gathered around him,  
And straight way she was whole,  
Oh, touch the hem of his garment,  
And thou too shall be saved,  
His saving power this very hour shall give new life to thee.

Many today are crowding the churches, many today are crowding Christ. Who will touch him? Who will touch him with faith? Those in the very moments someone with an old sorrow. Who may have had it for months for a year for twelve years perhaps. There is something in your life that has been a dark cloud hanging over you, and you need to touch Jesus, there may be another heart with a dislike with hatred with tears in your soul. There may be another person with an ugly appetite that has defiled your body and your soul. There may be somebody who is troubled by memory of sin, you may need to touch him. I'm sure that as we have thought about this woman story that you have been thinking Oh that I might touch the hem of his garment.

What became of that robe of Jesus? With the four blue tassels which this woman touched? No doubt it was the very robe that the romans ~~and soldiers~~ <sup>(soldiers)</sup> cast lots and threw their dice when

Jesus hung dying on the cross. And one of the soldiers, <sup>won it</sup> and perhaps he wore it himself or he gave it to his children. No one can tell, but somehow I feel that the robe is in our midst tonight symbolically. The crowd may be thronging Jesus, but who will touch him now. He is passing by it was her first and last chance in a moment he would pass by and she would have been lost perhaps forever, but her hands touched him and she was made whole, and she listen to him say daughter be of good comfort. The touch, no not the touch but the faith has made the whole, go in peace.

Old Potter - Who was shaping the clay into the desired shape by his hands, was asked by a visitor  
"Why don't you have machinery to do that?"  
Old man replied "We have tried all kinds of machinery, & failed; somehow it needs the human touch."

Divine healing only effective through touch of Christ.