

# SERMON NOTES

AUGUST 15/16, 2015

## A Woman of Faith

Mark 5:25-30 (NIV)

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*Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us... Ephesians 3:20 (NKJV)*

*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 5:25-33 (NIV)*

### Life can be **hard**

*A woman in the crowd had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding. 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 5:25-26 (NLT)*

*In this world, you will have trouble.*

*John 16:33 (NIV)*

### Things that can mess up your faith:

#### 1. When you're not in **fellowship** with other Christians

*And a woman was there...*

*Verse 25*

*Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone? A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken. Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (NLT)*

#### 2. When your **circumstances** don't change

*And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years.*

*Verse 25*

#### God, I've prayed for 12 years for \_\_\_\_\_.

*Just because you've suffered with something for twelve years, doesn't mean you're going to suffer for a thirteen year... But you might.*

*My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness. 2 Corinthians 12:9 (NLT)*

#### 3. When you've been **disappointed** over and over and over again

*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...*

*Verses 25-26*

#### 4. When you've **run out** of recourses

*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...*

*Verses 25-26*

*Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

*2 Corinthians 12:8-10 (NLT)*

#### 5. When your situation gets **worse** instead of getting better

*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.*

*Verses 25-26*

You have to take a **step of faith** if you want to deepen your faith.

*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."*

*Verses 5:27-28*

**Do you really believe that Jesus Christ has the power  
to cleanse you of your sin?**

Yes      No

**1 . She heard about Jesus.**

**2 . She thought about Jesus.**

**3. She reached out for Jesus.**

*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."*

*Verses 30-34*

# DAILY MEDITATIONS

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## Memory Verse:

*And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.*

*Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)*

## Monday – Begin the day in prayer; meditate on the memory verse.

Review the sermon outline. Which part of the sermon spoke to you? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What part of the sermon challenged you? \_\_\_\_\_

What change do you need to make in your life as a result of hearing the sermon?  
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## Tuesday – Begin the day in prayer; meditate on the memory verse.

Read Mark 5:21-29 and Luke 8:40-44. Where was Jesus going? Who was following him?  
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Read Luke 8:42 (NIV). How does this passage describe the crowd? \_\_\_\_\_

Why was the woman desperate to come in contact with Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_  
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From whom had she already sought help? What were the results? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Have you ever been desperate to meet with Jesus? Explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
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What were the results of the woman's encounter with Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Wednesday – Begin the day in prayer; meditate on the memory verse.

Read Mark 5:30-34 and Luke 8:45-48. What question did Jesus ask? Why was Peter confused by His question? \_\_\_\_\_  
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How was the woman touching him different from the crowd touching Him? \_\_\_\_\_  
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At what point did the woman admit to touching Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Leviticus 15:25-27. Why was the woman afraid to admit she had touched Jesus?  
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How did Jesus respond to the woman's confession? What did Jesus say healed her? Why is this significant? \_\_\_\_\_  
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How has Jesus healed you and set you free from your suffering? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Thursday – Begin the day in prayer; meditate on the memory verse.

Read Mark 2:1-5 and Luke 5:17-20. What was Jesus doing? Why did the crowd gather?  
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What did the men expect Jesus to do for the paralytic? How did they go about getting him to Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

What did Jesus say to the paralytic? Why was this surprising? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Why might Jesus have dealt with the paralytic's spiritual healing before his physical healing? Why is this significant? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What did Jesus see that made Him say, "Your sins are forgiven"? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Friday – Begin the day in prayer; meditate on the memory verse.

Read Mark 2:6-12 and Luke 5:21-26. How did the Pharisees and the teachers of the law react to what Jesus said? Why did they react this way? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Why did Jesus heal the paralytic physically? \_\_\_\_\_

How did the paralytic respond to being healed? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Read Hebrews 11:1, 6. Why is faith so important? How do you see the truth of the Hebrews verses in the story of the paralytic? \_\_\_\_\_  
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