

## God Heals – Faith That Receives Healing

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[Mar 5:25-34 NASB95] 25 A woman who had had a hemorrhage for twelve years, 26 and had endured much at the hands of many physicians, and had spent all that she had and was not helped at all, but rather had grown worse 27 after hearing about Jesus, she came up in the crowd behind [Him] and touched His cloak. 28 For she thought, "If I just touch His garments, I will get well." 29 Immediately the flow of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction. 30 Immediately Jesus, perceiving in Himself that the power [proceeding] from Him had gone forth, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My garments?" 31 And His disciples said to Him, "You see the crowd pressing in on You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" 32 And He looked around to see the woman who had done this. 33 But the woman fearing and trembling, aware of what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. 34 And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed of your affliction."

- Who was this woman of faith? The primitive church, feeling she was entitled to a name, called her Veronica, who lived in Caesarea Philippi, but in the gospels, she is enrolled in the list of anonymous female divines. (Source: ALL THE WOMEN OF THE BIBLE – WOMAN WITH ISSUE OF BLOOD)
- About AD320, Eusebius, Bishop of Caesarea and a dependable historian, records that when he visited Caesarea Philippi, he heard that the woman healed of her issue of blood out of gratitude for her cure had erected two brazen figures at the gate of her house, one representing a woman bending on her knee in supplication—the other, fashioned in the likeness of Jesus, holding out His hand to help her. The figure had a double cloak of brass. Eusebius adds this explicit statement as to these figures, "They were in existence even in our day, and we saw them with our own eyes when we stayed in the city."
- For twelve long years, this woman was unclean, isolated, and hopeless. She had spent everything she had and only grew worse. But then she heard about Jesus. That report ignited faith. Not passive hope, but a faith that pressed through the crowd to touch Him.
- Faith doesn't deny reality. It changes it. Faith takes what's heard about Jesus and acts on it until healing power flows.

**What does this passage teach about faith that receives healing?**

**Here are four things this passage teaches us about faith that receives healing.**

### **I. Faith Begins with Hearing the Word**

- a. [Mar 5:27 NASB95] 27 after hearing about Jesus, she came up in the crowd behind [Him] and touched His cloak.
- b. [Rom 10:17 NASB95] 17 So faith [comes] from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.
- c. My D.Min. research shows that teaching and preaching about healing increases people's receptivity to healing power through faith
- d. Fill your heart with the Word. Listen to sermons, read healing Scriptures daily, and let faith rise. You cannot believe for what you have not heard.

### **II. Faith Speaks What It Believes**

- a. [Mar 5:28 NASB95] 28 For she thought, "If I just touch His garments, I will get well."
- b. [Mat 9:21 NASB95] 21 for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch His garment, I will get well."
- c. [Psa 107:2 NASB95] 2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say [so,] Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the adversary

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- d. She didn't say, "Maybe I'll be healed." She said, "I will." Her confession aligned with divine promise.
- e. Your words determine the direction of your faith. Stop saying, "I hope it gets better." Start saying, "By His stripes I am healed."

### III. Faith Acts Courageously

- a. [Mar 5:27 NASB95] 27 after hearing about Jesus, she came up in the crowd behind [Him] and touched His cloak.
- b. [Jas 2:17 NASB95] 17 Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, [being] by itself.
- c. Her faith wasn't timid. It moved her through social stigma, fear, and physical weakness. She didn't wait for the perfect moment; she created one.
- d. Faith takes a step. Whether it's coming forward for prayer, forgiving someone, or declaring your healing; act on what you believe.

### IV. Faith Releases Power

- a. [Mar 5:30 NASB95] 30 Immediately Jesus, perceiving in Himself that the power [proceeding] from Him had gone forth, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My garments?"
- b. [Jas 5:15 NASB95] 15 and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him.
- c. Faith is the divine connector. Many touched Jesus, but only one drew power. Faith made the demand that caused virtue to flow.
- d. You can be surrounded by the presence of God and never experience His power unless faith reaches out. Stretch your faith and make contact.

### V. Faith Is Recognized and Rewarded

- a. [Mar 5:34 NASB95] 34 And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed of your affliction."
- b. [Heb 11:6 NASB95] 6 And without faith it is impossible to please [Him,] for he who comes to God must believe that He is and [that] He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.
- c. Jesus didn't say, "My power healed you," though it did. He said, "Your faith made you well." Faith pleases God because it trusts His character.
- d. God honors faith that refuses to quit. Expect Him to notice your faith today. Faith gets His attention and moves His hand.

- **Faith that receives healing refuses to sit still; it hears, believes, and presses until power is released.**
- **Faith isn't passive waiting. It's active reaching. The woman heard, confessed, acted, and received. Like her, we can move from hearing about Jesus to touching Him by faith.**
- **Declare: "Lord Jesus, I move from hoping to believing. I press in by faith, touch Your presence, and receive my healing. You are still the God who heals!"**