

**Luke 8:42 - 48 (NLT)**

<sup>42</sup>His only daughter, who was twelve years old, was dying. ***(Jesus did not hurry)***

As Jesus went with him, he was surrounded by the crowds. ***(no safety in numbers)***

<sup>43</sup>A woman in the crowd had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding, and she could find no cure. ***(Many doctors had tried, but with no success - Mark 5:26)***

<sup>44</sup>Coming up behind Jesus, she touched the fringe of his robe. Immediately, the bleeding stopped. ***(her pain was gone; bleeding vanished completely in an instant.)***

<sup>45</sup>"Who touched me?" Jesus asked.

Everyone denied it, and Peter said, "Master, this whole crowd is pressing up against you." ***(You can be a part of the crowd and never get a blessing from being near Jesus)***

<sup>46</sup>But Jesus said, "Someone deliberately touched me, for I felt healing power go out from me." ***(It's one thing to "press Him" but another thing to "touch Him" by faith.)***

<sup>47</sup>When the woman realized that she could not stay hidden, she began to tremble and fell to her knees before him. The whole crowd heard her explain why she had touched him and that she had been immediately healed. ***(to build up faith in them)***

<sup>48</sup>"Daughter," he said to her, "your faith has made you well. Go in peace."

**The dirty little secret:**

- This woman had a hidden need, a burden she had lived with for twelve long years. It affected her physically, but it also affected her spiritually, because the hemorrhage made her ceremonially defiled and unable to participate in the religious life of the nation (Lev. 15:19-22). She was defiled, destitute, discouraged, and desperate; but she came to Jesus and her need was met.
- Her faith was amazing. She could have used many excuses—the crowd was pressing around Him; nothing had worked for 12 years; it was not right to come to Jesus as a last resort; she was not an important person; He was on His way to heal Jairus' daughter (an aristocrat, high up the food chain)—but she allowed nothing to stand in her way

**The hem = point of contact?**

- Jewish men wore tassels of blue twisted cords on the corners of their outer garments, as a reminder that they were to obey God's commandments (Num. 15:37-40; Deut. 22:12). The Pharisees went to extremes in obeying this rule to impress people with their sanctity (Matt. 23:5). Why the woman chose to touch this part of His garment, we do not know, but Jesus knew somebody with faith had touched Him. The healing was immediate and complete.

**GOD DOES IT for me:**

- Why did the Lord ask her to testify? Was this not an embarrassment to her? Not in the least. To begin with, this public confession was for her sake. It was an opportunity for her to confess Christ and glorify God. Had she stolen away in the crowd, she may not have met Jesus personally or heard His words of assurance and comfort (Luke 8:48).

**GOD DOES IT for others:**

- But her confession was also an encouragement to Jairus, who would soon hear that his daughter had died. The woman's 12 years of trial were ended, and the same Christ who helped her would help Jairus. She was a testimony to the power of faith.

**GOD DOES IT** for outsiders:

- Finally, her witness was a rebuke to the multitude. *You can be a part of the crowd and never get any blessing from being near Jesus! It is one thing to “press Him” and another thing to “touch Him” by faith.* We may not have strong faith, but we have a strong Savior, and He responds even to a touch at the hem of His garment. Unintentional contact; casual contact; inadvertent contact.

**Monday Morning Moment:** *“Faith and fear cannot dwell together in the same heart.”*

**1 John 4:18 (NLT)** <sup>18</sup>Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love.