

**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." <sup>46</sup>But Jesus said, "Someone deliberately touched me, for I felt healing power go out from me." - ***"press Him" does not equal "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.

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

- Her faith was amazing.
- 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:** *"God loves each one of us as if there was only one of us to love."*

**1 John 4:19 (KJV)** <sup>19</sup>We love him, because he first loved us.

**(45) And Jesus said, Who is it that touched me? But, all denying it, Peter said and those with him, Master, the crowds are hemming thee in and are crushing thee. But Jesus said, There did touch me someone, for I myself realized power having gone out from me.**

- The woman was not healed without the knowledge of Jesus, and this means also not without his will. In that jam many touched the garments of Jesus, and no power went out from him to them.
- They had no desire or purpose in touching him, but this woman came purposely and touched him with her faith. Jesus responded to that touch by letting his power go out to heal her.

**(48) But he said to her, Daughter, thy faith has saved thee. Be going in peace!**

Not one word of blame or reproach; only words of cheer and uplift. The very address "daughter" speaks of loving concern. When Jesus attributes the woman's restoration to her faith, i.e., to her trust and confidence in him, he does not make her faith the *cause of the healing*, for this was his own power and will, but only the *recipient*, the hand that receives the gift. Jesus himself had inspired that faith (Mark 5:27). This faith wrought the woman's restoration by moving her to touch Jesus. The idea that this faith rested only on the physical touch is unwarranted; it rested on the person touched.

**Mark 5:27** <sup>27</sup>When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, (*Rom:10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God*)

Q. So how does our faith increase?

A. FAITH IS INCREASED BY THE FOLLOWING:

- Jesus Himself – **Heb 12:2** says "...Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith"
- Serving Jesus - **Luke 17:5** parable of the mustard seed
- Hearing the Word - **Romans 10:17 (KJV)**
- God's timing - **Rom 12:3** don't try to second guess God for He had His reasons for giving more faith to some than to others.

**Romans 12:3 (NASB)** <sup>3</sup>For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, **as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.**