

Making the Most of Tough Times: A Pure Faith

Mark 5:25 – 34 (ESV)

Mark 5: 25 *And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, ²⁶ and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. ²⁷ She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. ²⁸ For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well." ²⁹ And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰ And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my garments?" ³¹ And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?'" ³² And he looked around to see who had done it. ³³ But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling 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 disease.*

Three Points From this Beautiful Story

1. Need often DRIVES US to JESUS

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2. God uses trouble to do at least TWO THINGS

a. Trouble displays our TRUE NEED of HIM

Mark 5:26 *...had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse.*

b. God uses trouble to give us a STORY to share WITH OTHERS

Mark 5:33 *But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth.*

3. Jesus desires us to TRUST HIM with a PURE FAITH

Mark 5:34 *And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well..."*

Has there ever been a time when God did something amazing or unexpected in your life?

He can do it again!