



Reach Out To Jesus
Mark 5:25-34

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- Belief and faith – two words that appear interchangeably in Scripture
 - **Acts 16:29-31 NIV**, 29 The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 He then brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” 31 They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.”
 - **Hebrews 11:1 NIV**, 1 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.
 - Faith is a confident belief in things we cannot yet see, relying on God's promises and trusting that what we hope for will come to pass, even if it's not immediately evident
 - It's a firm foundation for our future based on God's faithfulness

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- **Ephesians 2:8 NIV**, For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God
 - What is the gift of God in this verse?
 - Grace, Salvation, and Faith
 - Belief in our culture is to agree with a certain set of facts
 - Faith is belief that leads to acting upon that belief
 - Biblical faith always rests upon the character and faithfulness of God
 - It is a quiet assurance that God will fulfill every single one of His promises, stay true to every single word of His Scripture
 - We see faith demonstrated in our Scriptures this morning

Setup

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 - Where has Jesus been?
 - Where is He going?

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 - All these people pressing around Jesus - Some poor and needy, Some popular or known, Some with authority but Mark focuses on a single, suffering woman the world had no answers for
 - “suffered a great deal”, essentially conveying the idea that she had endured much suffering at the hands of many physicians
 - “spent all she had” , financially destitute; the Greek word used here emphasizes the complete exhaustion of her resources
 - Result - “grew worse”

Setup

- She would have been considered ceremonially unclean under the Law and in the people's minds
 - No temple, synagogue, socially an outcast
 - People would look at her and judge her
 - They believed all sickness and disabilities were a result of some sin and they acted upon that belief
 - **John 9:1-3 NIV**, As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3 "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him.
 - She must be deep sin because God is not listening to her

Setup

- Job had three friends that came to comfort him and ended up accusing Job of some sin because this suffering had come into his life and if Job would just confess and repent then God would respond by removing his suffering
- Can you feel this woman's isolation, abuse, hopelessness?
- This is an image of someone without Christ , except they are like lepers that don't know they are wasting away

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 - What had she heard about Jesus?
 - Belief came into her life - “If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.”

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 - Because of the way she has been treated she did not believe she would be allowed to get in front of Him and ask for His healing
 - Don't we do this today?
 - “I'm not a good enough Christian”
 - “People will laugh at me”
 - “No one will understand, and I will probably be rejected”
 - “God doesn't really care for me”

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 - Her belief led to an action of faith
 - “If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed”
 - Don’t laugh at her or diminish her faith or say it is silly
 - I’m not sure I have simple, “touch His clothes faith” at times

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 - See her cover herself completely so no one can identify her and prevent her from getting to Jesus
 - See her exercise her faith and simply touch the fringe of His outer garment
 - No grand jesters, no loud prayers of faith, nothing anyone would notice, no “hey everyone look at my faith”
 - But God the Father notices a simple touch of faith in the person of Jesus Christ

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 - “Immediately her bleeding stopped, and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering”
 - Immediately God honored her faith as simple as it appears
 - She was free from the physical suffering but not the shame suffering in everyone’s eyes

Faith to Freedom

- **Mark 5:24-34 NIV**, 30 At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, “Who touched my clothes?” 31 “You see the people crowding against you,” his disciples answered, “and yet you can ask, ‘Who touched me?’”
 - The disciples are oblivious to a major act of faith event taking place
 - Notice Jesus’ questions
 - “Who touched my clothes (*in faith*)? Who touched me (*in faith*)?”
 - Touched in Greek - essentially signifying a deliberate act of contact with the intention to receive something
 - The healing power came from Jesus with her faith as the conduit

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 - Oh, what a tremendous act of strength for this woman to come out of the shadows and fall at Jesus’ feet
 - What will be Jesus’ response?
 - Did I make Him unclean by touching Him and all the others I bumped into?
 - Will I be judged for this action and stoned?
 - Will they all turn and run from me in horror?
 - Will Jesus be mad at or disappointed in me?

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 - She came trembling with fear and told Jesus the whole truth
 - This is an even greater display of faith than touching Him in private
 - There is still a large crowd surrounding her and Jesus, now everyone will know of my uncleanness, everyone will know my story, everyone will know my past and further judge me

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 - I touched you because
 - I was ill, rejected, depressed, and hopeless and I heard about You
 - I heard that You give sight to the blind, you restore the lame, You raise the dead, You deliver the demon possessed
 - You multiply food to the hungry, You do the impossible surely, I believed You could heal me

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 - Jesus’ response
 - Daughter - This is the only recording in all of scripture where Jesus personally calls any woman, “daughter”
 - This certain woman—an outcast, a sinner—becomes a chosen child of God
 - Jesus goes from being the man who performs miracles to her now Savior and Father

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 - Jesus’ response
 - Jesus declares her free
 - Now everyone will know that she has been cleansed, and all listening should now relate to her as His daughter
 - Go back to your new life in peace with God and tell everyone what good work God has done for you

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- **Matthew 14:28-31 NIV**, 28 And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” 29 He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” 31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”
- Are you exhausted of fighting a battle? Reach out to Jesus
 - Is your heart tired? Reach out to Jesus
 - Is your issue a physical ailment or illness? Reach out to Jesus
 - Is your issue relational: Bitterness? Unforgiveness? Broken heart? Loneliness? Reach out to Jesus

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- Is your issue pride: Self-righteousness? Anger? Rage? Outcasted? Reach out to Jesus
 - Have you lost your identity in Christ? Feeling Worthless? Reach out to Jesus
 - Have you been abandoned? Rejected? Abused? Defiled? Reach out to Jesus
 - Has your family fallen apart? Reach out to Jesus
 - Is your issue rejecting God's Salvation? Reach out to Jesus
 - Whatever your issue/event, reach out to Jesus this morning at His alter



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