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*Gathering a family who loves and serves God through  
Jesus Christ and leads others in kind.*

A Bible Study in Mark  
*Faith, Power, and Love: Part III*

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If you have been following this study, you will remember that our story began when Jesus *had crossed again in the boat to the western side of the Sea of Galilee (vs.21)*. A man by the name of Jairus came to Jesus and begged Him to come to the aid of his deathly sick daughter. Jesus agrees and while on the way a woman with an incurable disease *came up behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment. For she said, “If I touch even His garments, I will be made well” (vs. 28-29)*. As soon as she touched His garment, *Immediately. . . she felt in her body that she was healed (vs. 29)*.

The woman had hoped to touch Jesus anonymously and then fade into the crowd. Her act did not go unnoticed. *Jesus, perceiving in Himself that power had gone out from Him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said “Who touched My garments” (vs. 30)? And His disciples said to Him, “You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, who touched me” (vs. 31)?*

The crowd was pressing all around Him. Jesus is obviously being touched by lots of people. What makes the woman’s touch so different? The difference is the woman touched Jesus in faith.

One preacher put it this way,

**“There is a huge difference between bumping into Jesus here and there and reaching out to touch Him in faith” (David Guzik).**

You can go to church, prayer meetings, and Bible studies week after week and bump into Jesus without ever reaching out to Him in faith. You can bump into Jesus in conversation with others. Perhaps you are merely bumping into Jesus right now as you read this Bible Study? Have you reached out to Him in faith to heal you spiritually? Have you reached out to Him in faith to take away God’s indignation against you<sup>2</sup> for your sins against Him? Or, are you merely going along bumping into Jesus?

The next thing we notice is that in the midst of hundreds of people and the urgency of a deathly sick girl this woman has Jesus’ attention. Jesus stops because of one touch of faith. *“Without faith it is impossible to please [God], for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him” (Hebrews 11:6)*.

<sup>1</sup> Unless indicated otherwise, all Scripture quotations are taken from the English Standard Version.

<sup>2</sup> Our sins offend God. God is perfectly just and therefore must punish sin. Being infinitely loving, God has come into the world in the person of Jesus to take this punishment in place of all who will trust in Him. Unless you embrace Jesus in faith, God’s justice demands that you be punished for your sins.

## When you reach out to Jesus in faith, you will always get His attention.

It is the folks who bump into Jesus who seem to be anonymous. Scripture does not record their names. We have only the anonymity of “*a crowd.*”

Jesus was in essence calling the woman by asking “*who touched Me?*” (vs. 31). Verse 32 tells us that Jesus *looked around to see who had touched Him in faith.* Jesus knows who it is. He does not ask this question for His benefit but for hers.

*The woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth* (vs. 33). The woman responds to Jesus’ call and comes forth.

This is where our relationship with Jesus begins. The woman’s relationship changes radically once she steps forward in response to Christ’s call. God calls us through His Word. Have you embarked on a relationship with Jesus by responding to Christ’s call to come and confess your sins? To come and put your trust in Jesus?

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### The presence of Christ is a searching presence.

You cannot lie to God. His presence will bring out *the whole truth.* This is indeed a frightening experience. Our text tells us that the woman *came in fear and trembling and fell down before Him.* When our un-holiness comes into the presence of His infinite holiness it is terrifying. But observe what Jesus says next.

*And [Jesus] said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease* (vs. 34).

Jesus refers to this woman as a family member! Who are the daughters and sons of God? Those who receive Jesus by faith. Have you received Jesus by faith?

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