

• The **desperation** of your need will drive you to an encounter with Jesus.

...one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. He pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." So Jesus went with him. A large crowd followed and pressed around him. Mark 5:22-24 (NIV)

The strength of this woman:

- She refused to give in to the restrictions placed on her.
- She refused to give up on being well.

She had suffered a great deal from many doctors, and over the years she had spent everything she had to pay them, but she had gotten no better. In fact, she had gotten worse. Mark 5:26 (NLT)

- Jesus is available to every social status.
- Jesus is available to those who have <u>faith</u>.

And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well..." Mark 5:34a (NIV)

Lessons of faith from a healed woman:

• Faith believes that Jesus can provide what I need.

For she thought to herself, "If I can just touch his robe, I will be healed." Mark 5:28 (NLT)

She had heard about Jesus, so she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his robe. Mark 5:27 (NIV)

So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ. Romans 10:17 (NLT)

- Faith believes for something even when you don't feel it.
- Faith presses through the obstacles.

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

• Faith believes for something **before** you **see** it happen.

Now faith is the assurance of what we hope for and <u>the certainty of what we do not see</u>. Hebrews 11:1 For we walk by faith, not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:7

For she kept saying, "If only I touch His garments, I will be healed." Mark 5:28 (MSG)

Desperate Faith means:

- That I am aware of my desperate need.
- My faith has to have <u>action</u>.
- ... as the body without the spirit is dead, also faith without actions is dead. James 2:26
- My faith has to be in God's <u>abilities</u>.

...it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him. Hebrews 11:6

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My faith requires great <u>risk</u>.

Jesus said to her, "Daughter, you took a risk of faith, and now you're healed and whole. Live well, live blessed! Be healed of your plague." Mark 5:34 (MSG)

Desperate faith happens when we are <u>desperate</u> for <u>God</u>.



TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups: These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- What stands out to you from the story of the woman with the issue of blood?
- What are some ways the woman could have given in to the restrictions placed on her?
- This woman did not give up on getting well. What are some temptations we face that lead us to give up on our miracle?
- Do you find that Jesus is available to those who have faith? Explain.
- Have you ever had to believe for Jesus to provide for you, when you didn't feel it? Explain.
- What does it mean to have faith that Jesus can provide for your need?
- What are some obstacles that keep us from encountering Jesus?
- Read Hebrews 11:1; In your own words what does this tell us about the faith we need?
- From the sub-heading "Desperate Faith means", which of these are most difficult for you and why?
- What does it mean to be desperate for God? Are desperate for him?

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Desperate Faith

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