

I Need to Change

Let go. Take hold.

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Jesus went with him, and all the people followed, crowding around Him. A woman in the crowd had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding. 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. She had heard about Jesus...

Mark chapter 5 verses 24 - 27 (765)

1. I have to let go

- After 12 years & lots of money & seeking help from lots of others, this woman finally admitted that no other person could help her & that she could not help herself
- She finally admitted that the only one who could help her was Jesus
- When will I finally admit the same thing?

She had heard about Jesus, so she came up behind Him through the crowd and touched His robe. For she thought to herself, "If I can just touch His robe, I will be healed."

Mark chapter 5 verses 27 & 28 (765)

2. Satan wants my shame to keep me from Christ

- Notice that she came up behind Christ. She probably felt too ashamed, too unworthy to approach Him face-to-face
- She put her shame aside & fought through the crowd to get to Jesus
- Remember, I'm only as sick as my secrets
- What secret am I keeping that's shaming me from Jesus & others & the help I need?
- When will I realize that until I lay my shame aside & fight through the crowd, I'll never get better?

Immediately the bleeding stopped, and she could feel in her body that she had been healed of her terrible condition. Jesus realized at once that healing power had gone out from Him, so He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched My robe?" His disciples said to Him, "Look at this crowd pressing around You. How can You ask, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus kept on looking around to see who had done it. Mark chapter 5 verses 29 - 32 (765)

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3. My private decision requires a public response

- ***Then the frightened woman, trembling at the realization of what had happened to her, came and fell to her knees in front of Him and told Him what she had done.***
Mark chapter 5 verse 33 (765)
- This woman did not let her shame keep her down. She faced her fears & told Jesus the whole truth

4. Let go. Take hold.

- ***Then Jesus said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace. Your suffering is over.”*** *Mark chapter 5 verse 34 (765)*

The idea for & some material in this study came from “inneed2change.com” a study done by Ed Young, Lead pastor of Fellowship Church in Grapevine, Texas. Ed is a dynamic & gifted teacher, and Fellowship is a neat church with 5 satellite campuses in Texas & Florida. Check them out at EdYoung.com

The song used at the end of the service was “Open Hands” by Matt Papa