



## She Touched His Robe

“Women Who Dared”

Have you ever been so desperate that you just didn't know what to do? There are some people like that in the Bible. There was a woman, we don't even know her name, that was very desperate and at the same time she had great faith that Jesus could help her.

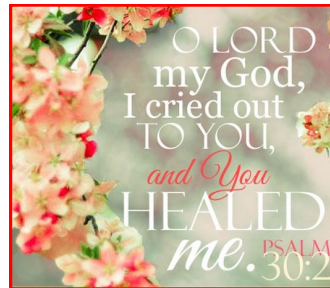
Jesus had just healed the daughter of Jairus when a woman pushed through the crowd and touched his robe. We can ask what significance just touching the hem of His robe had, or we can read on and know that she had so much faith that she felt if she could just touch His robe, she would be healed. She didn't want to speak to Him. That wasn't necessary.

The woman had a blood disorder and regardless of what she had tried over the past twelve years, she had not been healed. Christ had been doing many miracles and she evidently felt that He was the one who could heal her. After all, he had just healed the young daughter of a high ranking Jewish official and many others. She had enough faith to think that she would be healed if she could just touch the hem of Christ's garment. As she pushed through the crowd, she didn't even try to talk with Christ or ask for help, she just reached out and touched His garment.

According to the accounts of both Mark and Luke she was healed immediately, but her touch had not gone unnoticed.

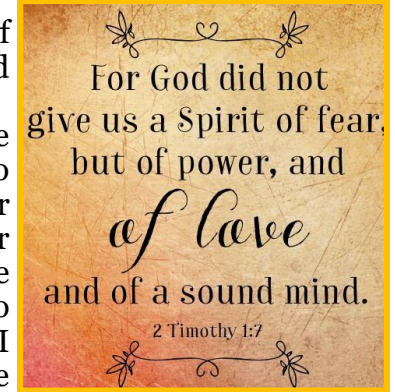
In Mark 5:30 it is recorded that Christ asked “*Who touched my robe?*” We can assume that she was afraid that she had done something wrong and was afraid to speak up, but she did.

Christ didn't scold her. He just remarked “*Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.*” Mark 5:34. There wasn't any miraculous medication, but there was a very strong faith.



She is never mentioned again. Her name isn't in any book of the Bible, but her name is certainly in the

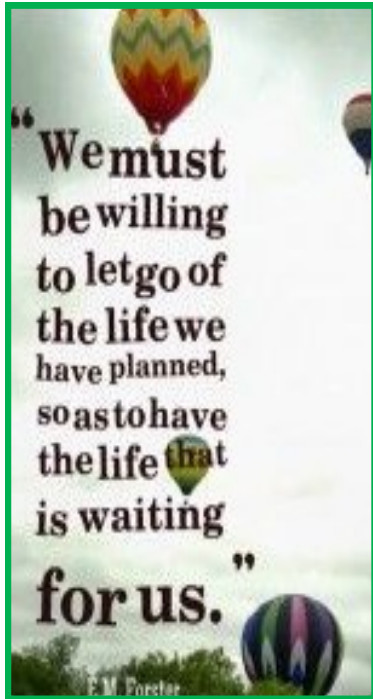
Book of Life and someday when we are also with our Lord for eternity, we will get to meet her. I believe she will have



the same rank as those whose names are mentioned many time in the Bible. We need to note that Christ did not tell the woman she was healed because she dared to touch His robe and had the faith that was enough. She was healed because of her faith. Can you imagine the happiness and love she shared as she told others about her miracle? I can only imagine many tears of joy.

We can live a rich [full life in Christ](#), if only we believe. His promise to us is as good today as it was then, the same yesterday, today, and forever. We can also have many tears of joy and happiness. The healing may not be the kind of healing the woman experienced.

As we grow older and face the death of many wonderful believers, we come to realize through our faith that there is a greater healing than that on earth. That is the eternal promise we have of a new life and a new body where we will never have any more pain or suffering. We don't understand it, but if



we have faith, we are told we will one day experience it.

Can we compare touching of the robe of Christ to anything today? Yes, we can. We often have friends that will reach out and just say a friendly "Hello" or even touch

us on the shoulder. More importantly, we can be that person who cares enough to show God's love to others.

We can't do it if we are not brave. It takes courage and love to reach out to someone. Perhaps we will be rejected. Perhaps the person doesn't know your Lord as you do. Are we afraid to get involved. I would like to share the words of a wonderful song with you. It was written by Charles F. Brown

Reach Out and Touch

"Reach out and touch a soul that is hungry, Reach out and touch a spirit in despair; Reach out and touch a life torn and dirty, a man who is lonely...If you care!

Reach out and touch that neighbor who hates you; Reach out and touch that stranger who meets you; Reach out and touch the brother who needs you;

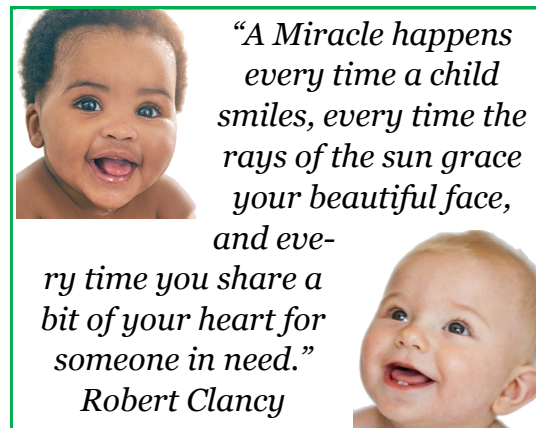
Reach out and let the smile of God touch through you.

Reach out and touch a friend who is weary; Reach out and touch a seeker unaware; Reach out and touch, though touching means losing a part of your own self...If you dare!

Reach out and give your love to the loveless; Reach out and make a home for the homeless. Reach out and shed God's light in the darkness.

Reach out and let the smile of God touch through you."

There are many things that we can help with. We can't do the miracle Christ did for the woman, but we can do many miracle in other ways. Can we dare to be brave enough to reach out and touch Christ or the stranger?



Prayer:

The Serenity Prayer

"God grant me the serenity  
 To accept the things I cannot change;  
 Courage to change the things I can;  
 And wisdom to know the difference.  
 Living one day at a time;  
 Enjoying one moment at a time;  
 Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;  
 Taking, as He did, this sinful world  
 As it is, not as I would have it;  
 Trusting that He will make all things  
 right if I surrender to His Will;  
 So that I may be reasonably happy in  
 this life and supremely happy with  
 Him forever and ever in the next.  
 Amen"

1. How much courage does it take to reach out to God?
2. Are we afraid of being criticized or rejected?
3. Why are we hesitant to reach out and touch or allow ourselves to be touched?
4. The song "Reach Out and Touch" mentions for us to allow the "smile of God touch through you." What does that mean?

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