



# The Woman who wanted to touch the Hem of Christ's robe.

"The Unknown"

*"For she said, 'If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.' And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague." Mark 5:28-29*

Have you ever been so desperate that you just didn't know what to do? There are many people like that in the Bible. I know that I have been in that situation many times. One of those desperate people is a woman who had been doctoring for a blood disorder for twelve years. We not even know her name, but she had a great faith that Jesus could help her.

Jesus had just crossed over the sea and there was a large crowd waiting to hear Him and to be healed. He was becoming very popular, sometimes for good causes, and some to see if they could find something to ridicule. Jesus was approaching His last days of ministry on this earth and many of the people were believing, but there were also many that were doubting, and some who feared that Christ would become an earthly king, and their lives would be threatened.

On this particular occasion, there was a woman in the crowd who had suffered with a blood disorder for twelve years. 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 what we are told by Mark and Luke she felt that she was immediately healed, but Christ felt her touch. He responded "Who touched my robe?" Mark 5:30. She was still within ear shot and knew she was the one, but even though she was afraid she spoke up and admitted her guilt. Instead of accusing her for doing it, Christ responded. "Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague." Mark 5:34. That is the last we ever hear of this woman, but she had a wonderful faith. Sometimes, we want so much guarantee and promise of our faith. She didn't want anything more than to just touch the hem of His garment.

The disciples were puzzled. They knew there were many people pushing and shoving, and wondered how Christ could know that someone had touched the hem of His garment. They did not understand, any more than we understand many things today even though we are told these things over and over. We always want more assurance.

It was not so much about the hem of His garment, but her faith that a simple touching of His hem could make her whole. The people around didn't understand, not even the disciples. They couldn't believe that a simple gesture like that could heal someone. They didn't realize that it was not the garment, but her faith and Christ's love and healing touch that made her whole instantly. He told her that her faith has made her whole. These are all questions we must ask ourselves daily. We want to believe and have that same wholesome faith, but we doubt and wonder sometimes.

There is a beautiful song written by John W. Peterson in 1948 that talks about the miracles of God, "It Took A Miracle." It may be an old song, but it has the same fresh message of yesterday, today, and forever. The love of God never changes. Part of the words are:

"My Father is omnipotent, and that you can't deny,  
A God of might and miracles 'tis written in the sky.  
Chorus: It took a miracle to put the stars in place,  
It took a miracle to hang the world in space.  
But when He saved my soul, cleansed and made me whole,  
It took a miracle of love and grace."

Christ cleansed and made her whole. He can do the same for us without our even touching His garment. We talk about being unknown, but these people, just like us, may not be written in our history, but we know they are in God's book, and our names can be there too. Being unknown on this earth is fine with me. I just want to be known by God as one who accepted Him as my personal Saviour, and tried to live my life to do His will. That is enough for any one person's life. Our name doesn't have to be in a history book or newspaper!

Prayer: Dear God, You have given us so many wonderful blessings and given to us such unwarranted love to us. Thank You for those people who have touched my life through Your love. Help me to accept on blind faith that I like this woman, will know that You accept us as we are by

Your wonderful grace. Help us to have that faith and know that we don't have to touch the hem of Your garment, but we can touch the hearts of others and tell them about Your love for us just in the simple things we do each day. Amen.

1. Where is our faith?
2. Do we stand upon the promises of God?
3. Do you think you would have had the faith of this woman that just touching the hem of Christ's garment would have healed you?
4. Are we ever able to do that? How? Prayer?
5. Do you have the privilege of knowing someone who has touched your live but who will be unknown to many others?

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