

The Jefferson Spirit

Sundays at 9:00AM

Pastor Mark Jarema

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"Reaching Out in Faith"

In **Mark 5:24-34**, a woman suffering for twelve years reaches out in faith to touch Jesus' cloak, believing she will be healed. Instantly, her bleeding stops, and Jesus recognizes her act of faith. Instead of letting her remain unnoticed, He calls her forward, affirming, "Daughter, your faith has healed you." This passage shows that faith activates God's power, Jesus sees those who seek Him, and He calls us to step forward in faith.

Scripture Reading: Mark 5:24-34 (NIV)

.....A large crowd followed and pressed around him. 25 And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. 26 She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. 27 When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, 28 because she thought, “If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.” 29 Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering. 30 At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, “Who touched my clothes?”

31 “You see the people crowding against you,” his disciples answered, “and yet you can ask, ‘Who touched me?’ ”

32 But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. 33 Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. 34 He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.”

Interesting facts about Mark 5:24-34:

A Story Within a Story

This passage is unique because it occurs inside another miracle story. Jesus is on His way to heal Jairus’ daughter when the bleeding woman touches Him. This highlights Jesus’ ability to meet needs even in the midst of interruptions.

12 Years of Suffering vs. 12-Year-Old Girl

The woman had suffered for 12 years, the same number of years that Jairus’ daughter had been alive (Mark 5:42). This parallel suggests that no matter how long we’ve been waiting, Jesus has power over time and suffering.

The Woman Was Considered ‘Unclean’

According to Jewish law (Leviticus 15:25-27), a woman with a constant flow of blood was considered ceremonially unclean. This meant she was isolated, unable to worship in the temple, and anything she touched became unclean—including Jesus’ cloak! Yet, instead of becoming unclean, Jesus made her whole.

She Wasn’t Supposed to Touch Jesus

As an unclean woman, touching a rabbi in public was forbidden. Her act of faith broke social and religious norms, showing how faith in Jesus overcomes human limitations.

Jesus Felt Power Leave Him

This is the only recorded instance where Jesus said He felt power go out from Him (Mark 5:30). It demonstrates that faith draws power from Jesus, even without a spoken word or physical interaction.



She Was the Only One Who Touched Jesus With Faith

Many people were pressing against Jesus, but only one person was healed (Mark 5:31). This shows that being close to Jesus physically isn't enough—faith is what activates His power.

Jesus Called Her 'Daughter'—The Only Time He Did So

Jesus tells her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you" (Mark 5:34). This is the only recorded instance in the Gospels where Jesus calls someone 'Daughter', emphasizing how He restored not just her body but also her identity and dignity.

Her Testimony Was Public

She was healed instantly, but Jesus didn't let her remain anonymous. By calling her forward, He affirmed her faith, restored her publicly, and strengthened the faith of those around her.

Faith, Not Magic

Some people in ancient times believed in magic clothing or talismans. But Jesus made it clear—it wasn't His robe that healed her, but her faith in Him.

Her Story Encourages Everyone Who Feels Unseen

Upcoming Events:

March 2 - Holy Communion

March 4 - 7-8pm Cancelled

March 5 - Ash Wednesday - 7PM Pastor Mark Preaching (St Paul Lutheran Church)

12PM Pastor Katie Preaching (New Hope)

March 8 - 9-10am - Men's Prayer Meeting at the church.

March 9 - Birthday Celebration with Pancake Breakfast

March 9 - 12:30 Community Vacation Bible School Meeting. Vacation Bible School will be held this year on Sunday, June 22 - Thursday, June 26th.

March 11 - 7-8pm Online Bible Study - Bad Girls of the Bible

March 13 - 7pm Administrative Council Meeting

March 18 - 7-8pm Online Bible Study - Bad Girls of the Bible

March 22 - 5pm Men In Black Band with Potluck Dinner following the service.

March 25 - 7-8pm Online Bible Study - Bad Girls of the Bible

March 29 — 9am Jefferson Church Summit with Pastor Mark and Pastor Katie at Jefferson UMC

April 17 - Maundy Thursday, Service 7pm - Pastor Amy preaching (Jefferson UMC)

April 18 - Good Friday, Service at 7pm

April 20 - Easter - Sunrise Service outside at 6:30am and in the sanctuary at 9:00am



Fun Quiz: "Calming the Storm" (Mark 4:35-41)

1. What was wrong with the woman in this story?

- a) She was blind
- b) She had a bleeding condition for 12 years
- c) She was unable to walk
- d) She was possessed by demons

2. How long had the woman been suffering?

- a) 5 years
- b) 10 years
- c) 12 years
- d) 20 years

3. Why did the woman want to touch Jesus' clothes?

- a) She wanted to take His robe
- b) She believed she would be healed
- c) She wanted to get His attention
- d) She was trying to stop Him

4. What happened as soon as she touched Jesus' cloak?

- a) Jesus turned and healed her
- b) She fell down in fear
- c) She was immediately healed
- d) The crowd got angry at her

5. How did Jesus react when He felt power go out from Him?

- a) He ignored it
- b) He asked, "Who touched me?"
- c) He told the woman to leave
- d) He asked His disciples to make a path

6. What did the disciples say when Jesus asked, "Who touched me?"

- a) "It was the woman in blue."
- b) "The crowd is pressing against you."
- c) "Why are you asking that?"
- d) "We do not know."

7. How did the woman respond when Jesus called her forward?

- a) She ran away
- b) She proudly shouted her story
- c) She came forward trembling and told the truth
- d) She denied touching Him

8. What did Jesus say had healed the woman?

- a) His cloak
- b) The power of the crowd
- c) Her faith
- d) The prayers of others

9. What special word did Jesus use when addressing the woman?

- a) "Sister"
- b) "Daughter"
- c) "Friend"
- d) "Believer"

10. What did Jesus tell her at the end of the story?

- a) "Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."
- b) "Stay here and follow me."
- c) "Go and tell others about this miracle."
- d) "This was only a test."

Prayer List:

Judi Arnold requested prayers for Gary Duvall, who is having health issues.

The Dinsmore's requested prayers for the family of Adam White. Adam was buried on 2/15/2025.

Doris Branch requested prayers for Mark Greenwood, who had elbow surgery.

Annelies Moats requested prayers for Tori Brumback.



Order of Worship

Welcome

Opening Prayer

*Call to Worship (Congregation)

Leader: Come, all who seek healing and hope!

People: We come, reaching out in faith, longing for the touch of Jesus.

Leader: In the midst of the crowd, Jesus sees us. He knows our struggles, our fears, and our needs.

People: We believe in His power to restore, to heal, and to make us whole.

Leader: Just as the woman pressed through to touch His cloak, let us press into His presence today.

People: With faith in our hearts, we come before the Lord, ready to receive His grace.

Leader: Daughter, Son, your faith has made you whole. Go in peace!

All: We worship the One who heals, restores, and calls us His own! Amen!

Children's Message

***Christ for the world, p.568 UMC Hymnal**

Scripture Reading: Mark 4:35-41

Sermon: Reaching Out in Faith?

Offertory - **UMC Choir called Voices of Victory**

*Doxology - p.95 UMC Hymnal

Lord speak to me, p.463 UMC Hymnal

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor:

"Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven."

Congregation:

"Glory to God. Amen."

Pastor:

"The Lord be with you."

Congregation:

"And also with you."

Pastor:

"Lift up your hearts."

Congregation:

"We lift them up to the Lord."

Pastor:

"Let us give thanks to the Lord our God."

Congregation:

"It is right to give our thanks and praise."

Pastor:

"It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. We give you thanks for your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, who took upon himself our sin and suffering, offering us new life and hope."

"On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: 'Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to his disciples, and said: 'Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us."

Communion

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, p.462 UMC Hymnal**

***Sending Forth**

Postlude

Answer Key:

1. b) She had a bleeding condition for 12 years
2. c) 12 years
3. b) She believed she would be healed
4. c) She was immediately healed
5. b) He asked, "Who touched me?"

6. b) "The crowd is pressing against you."
7. c) She came forward trembling and told the truth
8. c) Her faith
9. b) "Daughter"
10. a) "Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

Sermon Insights

Sermon Lesson:

In **Mark 5:24-34**, we encounter a woman who had suffered for twelve years and, despite the crowd around Jesus, reached out in faith to touch His cloak, believing she would be healed. Instantly, her suffering ended, and Jesus, recognizing her faith, called her forward to affirm her healing. This passage teaches us three powerful truths: being near Jesus isn't enough—faith activates His power; Jesus sees beyond the physical—He looks at our faith; and Jesus calls us to step forward and testify. Like this woman, we must move beyond passive belief and boldly reach out to Jesus, trusting in His power to heal and restore. Are you just in the crowd, or are you reaching out in faith today?

Application:

1. Jesus Sees You – No Matter How Small You Feel, Jesus Knows and Cares About You.

You may feel overlooked, forgotten, or unimportant, but Jesus knows exactly where you are and what you need. Just like the woman in the crowd, you are not invisible to Him. This week, remind yourself that God sees your struggles, your prayers, and your heart. Even when it feels like no one notices, Jesus does—and He cares deeply.

2. Faith Is Powerful – Just Like the Woman Believed in Jesus, We Can Trust Him With Our Worries and Prayers.

The woman didn't just hope Jesus could heal her—she acted on her faith. Faith isn't just about believing; it's about trusting and taking action. Instead of holding onto worry, bring your concerns to Jesus in prayer. This week, write down a specific situation where you need His help, and trust Him to move in His perfect way and timing.

3. Come to Jesus Boldly – Don't Be Afraid to Talk to Jesus About Anything.

Jesus didn't just heal the woman—He called her "Daughter" and invited her to step forward. God doesn't want us to hide in the background; He wants us to boldly approach Him with our needs, praises, and testimonies. This week, challenge yourself to pray with boldness, whether it's for healing, direction, or deeper faith. Jesus loves it when we reach for Him!

Conclusion:

The story of the woman in Mark **5:24-34** is a powerful reminder that Jesus sees us, faith activates His power, and He calls us to come to Him boldly. No matter how long we've been waiting, how unnoticed we feel, or how impossible our situation seems, Jesus is always near, ready to respond to our faith. Just like the woman who reached out and received healing, we, too, must take steps of faith, trusting that God knows our needs and is able to restore us. This week, don't just stay in the crowd—press in, reach for Jesus, and believe that He will meet you right where you are.