

BLEEDING, BROKE, BROKEN, BUT GOD!

Whatever the issue is in our lives, we only need to reach out and touch Jesus.

KEY POINTS

- ❖ The Gospel of Mark introduces us to a woman who was at her absolute lowest. But she was a woman who left an indelible mark in history that we can read about today and be encouraged.
- ❖ This woman doesn't have a name. She is not known by her lineage or her town; she is known for her disease and defined by her circumstance and her pain. She is the woman with an "issue" that resulted in multiple layers of issues.
- ❖ Her issue, physically, is blood. She has internal bleeding resulting from damaged blood vessels and blood is flowing out of her. In essence, her life is slowly being taken from her.
- ❖ Spiritually, her issue led to isolation. Psychologically, her issue became maintaining the courage to continue seeking help for her healing. Mentally, her issue was to remain hopeful. And, financially—she was broke. She wanted her healing so badly that she spent every penny she had going to doctors who were unable to help her. So, she ended up broke and still sick. In fact, we're told in Mark 5:26 that she got worse!
- ❖ The Bible tells us that this woman had been "subject to"—or under the power of—her condition for twelve years (v. 25). Under Levitical law, her condition made her 'unclean' during that period of time. Every time she appeared in public, there was the likelihood that someone else would be made unclean. So, for those twelve years, she went from one physician to next, seeking healing.
- ❖ Some of us take our issues to every "physician" we can find, where we run to our friends and ask their advice on something they know nothing about. That's why the issue doesn't go away. That's why it gets worse and you're left still bleeding, broke, and broken.
- ❖ The woman had tried every physician her money could afford and found they couldn't help her. She tried everything in the world and the world couldn't give her what she was looking for.
- ❖ Some of us are dipping our toes into the world and finding that it's not working. We're exposing our minds to the world and becoming more confused than ever. It's not giving us what we thought it would and we're left still feeling empty. We're still bleeding, broke, and broken.
- ❖ Nothing worked for this woman and she was desperate. So, in her desperation, "when she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him...and touched his cloak" (v. 27). When the woman heard about Jesus, she changed direction. When she heard about Jesus, she stopped looking for outside help and started following Him.
- ❖ There are some of us who need to change direction; we need to change our friend group, our associations. We need to change the source of our advice and start following Jesus. We need to engage with the living God!
- ❖ This woman heard about Jesus and what she heard about Him caused her thought pattern to shift. She was broken, but she wasn't defeated. She still had the courage to hope and the mental fortitude to say, "If I just touch his clothes" (v. 28).

KEY SCRIPTURE: Mark 5:25-29
(all scripture in NIV unless otherwise noted)

- ❖ She is the one who had to press through the crowds to get to Jesus. To receive our healing, we need to reach Jesus.
- ❖ You're stronger than you think you are. When issues try to overwhelm you, you need to have the right mindset. Encourage yourself in the Lord!
- ❖ This woman did not have the audacity to come face to face with Jesus; she went behind Him. The New International Version of Matthew 9:20 tells us that she touched "the edge of his cloak." The Amplified Bible says she touched "the fringe of his outer robe," while the King James Version says she touched "the hem of his garment."
- ❖ The Hebrew word for hem or fringes is *tzitzit*. The significance of the hem or "fringes" is deeply rooted in Jewish law and messianic expectation. By reaching for the edge of Jesus' cloak, the woman wasn't just grabbing a random piece of fabric—she was making a specific theological claim.
- ❖ Her reaching out to touch the hem of Jesus' garment was both a symbolic gesture of touching the authority of God as well as a demonstration of her faith.
- ❖ Her desperation and her faith drew healing virtue from Jesus. That's why Jesus immediately asked the question "Who touched me?" (See Luke 8:45.)
- ❖ There was a difference between the touch of those in the crowd and the touch of the woman. The crowd thronged around Jesus out of curiosity; they were not reaching out with a specific, expectant purpose. But the touch of the woman was a deliberate act of radical faith.
- ❖ She believed that even the *fringe* of His presence was more powerful than the *depth* of her issue.
- ❖ You may be **bleeding** out from a secret wound, or **broke** from trying to fix your own life, or you may feel **broken** by years of disappointment. But know that Jesus is here today to heal you. Know that whatever issue you're facing in your life, all you need to do is reach out and touch Jesus.

DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. Like the woman with an issue, have you ever faced a difficult situation that seemed unsolvable—that left you bleeding, broke, or broken—and went to others, like a loved one or a professional, for help? What was the issue and was their advice useful? What happened when you went to God for help in that same situation? How did His counsel compare against the advice of others in terms of how it made you feel and how it actually helped?
2. Has God provided a Word to you during difficult seasons? Please share and encourage one another.

PRAYER TIME







"If I can but touch You." Lord, in my joy or in my pain, may I be able to reach out and touch You.

Start-up: If you have ever been wounded, what kind of wound was it (i.e., physical, psychological, financial, etc.)? How did you recover?

WEEK OF SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026

NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week's message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

-  (Reminds me/Confirms)  (New idea)  (Think about)
-  (Do this)  (Speaks to my heart)  (Must share)

PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

Go deeper with your Life Group family.
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PRAYER FOCUS: F. S. Outreach: Life Groups, personal witnessing, lifestyle evangelism, community work.

24-hour Prayer: Daily;

Daily Devotions: Monday - Friday @ 6:30 a.m. & 9:00 p.m.;

Departmental Prayer: Every **Thursday** (please check schedule)

Corporate Prayer: Every **Friday @ 7:00 p.m.** (and in person every second Friday @ 9:00 p.m. - 3:00 a.m.).

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GROUP EVANGELISM

Date: Saturdays (with the exception of long weekends)
Please join us every Saturday at 11:00 a.m. in the upper chapel for Group Evangelism. For more information, *please contact Sis. Maude Chalifour.*

MONTHLY LEADERS' MEETING

Sunday, March 22nd, 2025 @ 1:15 p.m. in the Upper Chapel.

24/7 PRAYER INFORMATION/FEEDBACK MEETING

Date: Sunday, April 12th, 2026

Location/Time: TBD @ 1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

This meeting will be for everyone involved in 24-hour prayer. Bring any feedback and/or questions. Training will also be available for those who need it.

Please don't forget to bring the device you'll use for hosting/co-hosting on the Faith Sanctuary Zoom prayer line (e.g., laptop, phone, etc.).

Contact: Bro. Mike Allen

COUPLES' PRAYER BRUNCH

Couples are warmly invited to join us for a sweet time of fellowship, connection, and prayer.

Date: Saturday, April 18th, 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Registration deadline is Saturday, April 11th, 2026.

To register, contact Bob and Kim at stayconnectedmsg@gmail.com.

FAITH SANCTUARY WEEKLY SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study @ 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service @ 11:00 a.m.

(Listen via phone: 1-844-268-4848)

Monday Berean Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m.

(Zoom, Facebook, YouTube)

Wednesday Bible Study @ 7:30 p.m.

(In person and via Zoom)

Friday Evening Service @ 8:00 p.m.

(In person and via Zoom)

Life Group Meetings – individually scheduled
(see ushers for information)

FAITH FOUNDATIONS

GOD

We believe there is only one God: the eternal, holy, loving, all-knowing, all-powerful, omnipresent Spirit, creator of all (Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Timothy 1:17; Leviticus 19:2; 1 John 4:8; Hebrews 4:13; Revelation 19:6; Jeremiah 23:24; John 4:24; Isaiah 44:24; Colossians 1:16).

GOD'S WORD

We believe the Holy Scriptures—The Bible—is God's true and complete Word to humanity, verified most notably through fulfilled prophecies concerning Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Isaiah 41:21-23, 42:8-9, 46:9-10; Luke 24:25-27; John 17:17).

GOD'S CREATION

We believe all people were created in the image of God for His pleasure, to be His children, His church and His bride, living in eternal love and fellowship with Him (Revelation 4:1; Genesis 1:27; John 1:12-13; Romans 8:16; Ephesians 5:25-32; Revelation 19:7).

HUMANITY'S FALL

We acknowledge that we have all sinned and failed to fulfill God's plan and purpose for our lives, through willful disobedience to the word of God and our own conscience. All sinful acts lead to separation and alienation from God's pure, holy presence, eventually resulting in both physical and spiritual death (Romans 3:23, 6:23a).

THE GOSPEL

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Almighty God, fully divine and fully human (1 Timothy 3:16). He came to Earth and suffered death by crucifixion, willingly substituting Himself for us in receiving God's judgment against sin (Isaiah 53:5). But God raised Him from death (Acts 5:30), and He now offers eternal life to all who will believe in Him (John 3:14-17, 6:29; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Romans 6:23b; Ephesians 2:4-9). Faith is sparked within us when we hear the gospel, the "good news" that Jesus died, was buried and rose from the dead for our benefit (Romans 10:14-17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

OUR FAITH RESPONSE

Hearing the gospel is intended to lead us to repentance, a divinely inspired change of heart that causes us to turn away from our sins and turn to God (2 Corinthians 7:9-10; 2 Timothy 2:24-26). Faith and repentance lead us to obey the scriptural command to be baptized in Jesus' name for the forgiveness of our sins and to receive His gift of the Holy Spirit. His Spirit gives us the power to live a righteous, godly life, joyfully sharing the good news of our new life in Christ with others (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 4:12; 1 Peter 1:22-23).

CHRIST'S RETURN

We believe our Lord Jesus Christ will soon return to Earth to receive His people to Himself and establish His righteous, eternal kingdom (John 14:3; Matthew 25:34).

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"We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed."

2 Corinthians 4:8-9 (NIV)

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