

Are You Reaching for Your Healing?

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Matthew 9:20-22 (NIV)

²⁰Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. ²¹She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed." ²²Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed at that moment.

Can you imagine what life was like for this woman? The struggle she had to face every day as she could no longer do the things she used to do. Imagine not being able to go out in public, to the store, visit friends and family. Her body probably felt weak and she was now at her wits end with no money to buy food because she had spent all that she had trying to get well. Yet as frail as her body must have felt she managed to press her way through a crowd of people and reached out for her healing.

During this turbulent season, you may have found yourself in this same situation, or know someone who is. You've been healthy all your life and now find yourself diagnosed with cancer, stricken with a chronic long-term illness, having thoughts of suicide, finding yourself angry and bitter, lonely and in despair, having to go through one surgery after the other leaving you with physical limitations and keeping you from doing the things you used to do. And as soon as you feel like things are getting better here comes another issue. But, let me remind you that God wants you healed.

This woman's story reveals three things to me. First, she kept her eye on Jesus. She did not allow her situation or what the people had to say stop her from getting to Jesus. The second thing I learned is that in spite of all that she went through, this woman had faith in Jesus. She believed that Jesus could heal her from her disease. Finally, this woman was so determined that she pressed her way through the crowd to get what she wanted from Jesus. She refused to let Jesus pass her by and she reached for her healing.

In a season of uncertainty, you may encounter someone who's going through a difficult situation. They may be having a health crisis, whether mentally or physically. Today I encourage you to share your story, not to belittle or demise, but to remind someone that when life takes a turn due to an unexpected crisis, to keep their eyes on Jesus, never stop believing, hold on to their faith, be determined to get what they need from Jesus, and to keep reaching for their healing.