

## “Only One Touch”

Luke 8:40-56

### Sermon Series: “Jesus In The Storm”

**Introduction:** Jesus encountered many people with a variety of problems as recorded in the gospels. He seemed to have a soft spot for hurting women, and today we are going to look at one of the examples of a hurting lady that He ministered to. I know there are many hurting women in the world, but this message applies to all of us. We are in a collective storm right now, but we have our own personal storms as well. All of us have hurts and problems. We often struggle with bringing them to Jesus and trusting Him with them. Hopefully, this story of how Jesus ministered to this woman with imperfect faith will help us with trusting Him and coming to Him with our storms today.

**Main Idea: We often have terrible problems and imperfect faith, but we have a perfect Savior who responds to imperfect faith and touches us at our point of need.**

**1. A Terrible Problem (v. 21-26).** A lot of the background for her situation is found in Leviticus 15, but this woman had a horrible problem. Her problem was embarrassing, inconvenient, defiling, separating, suffering, costly, and seemed to have no human solution. Her problem was horrible:

- A. Physically-Suffering with no cure**
- B. Financially-Bankrupting her**
- C. Emotionally-Hopeless**
- D. Spiritually-Unclean**
- E. Socially-Outcast, no touch at all**

**What are our problems? How can we relate to this lady?**

**2. An Imperfect Faith (v. 27-28).** She had faith. She did what it took to get to Jesus, which is the heart of the matter. Her faith was active and not passive. She put forth the effort to find Jesus, fight the crowd (which she really wasn't even supposed to be in because of being unclean), and pressed through to touch Him. However, her faith was based on superstition and bad theology. We often have an imperfect faith; with fear, worry, doubt, questions, and sometimes bad theology. However, we can follow this lady's example and come to Jesus. We don't have to have it all worked out to come to Jesus, but we can come to Him like we are and let Him work on us.

**3. A perfect Savior who touches us at our point of need (v. 29-34).** This is the main idea of the story. The key is the object of our faith. It is about the greatness of His love and power-not the greatness of our faith. He drew her out to share her story publicly for her to confess her faith publicly and to show everyone that she was now clean and no longer an outcast. He cleansed her without being defiled Himself. It is a picture of the gospel. Jesus is our propitiation and expiation (Leviticus 16). He removes the wrath of God and at the same time cleanses and

forgives us. We are completely whole in Him. Jesus healed her physically, but He also worked in her internally and sent her away in peace. When we bring our needs to Jesus, He will work in our lives internally and externally. His ultimate concern is our hearts.

**A. Jesus always works in us (salvation and sanctification).**

**B. Jesus always works for us (although He often does it in a way that may be different than what we are asking for; example of Paul and the thorn in the flesh).**

**Conclusion: Come to Jesus, wherever you are in your faith! Bring your needs to Him. Find your identity in Him. We are clean and whole through His blood.**