Mark 5:25-34 And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, 26 And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, 27 When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. 28 For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. 29 And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. 30 And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes? 31 And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? 32 And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing. 33 But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. 34 And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague. I. **Hopeless Attitude**: A hopeless approach involves two attitudes.

1.  There is the last resort attitude. The woman had been hemorrhaging for twelve years; it was uncontrollable. No one could touch her nor anything she had touched. By law she was considered unclean, ([Leviticus 15:25-27](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Lev+15%3A25-27)). She was to be totally cut off from society and religious worship. This particular woman had tried all she knew. She had seen "many physicians" and "spent all that she had," and yet she "grew worse." There was nowhere else to turn except to Jesus.

 Mat. 11:28—*Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest*

  Most people try all else before Jesus. Nevertheless, He loves us and He cares for We should turn to Jesus, for He is always waiting for us—waiting even if we turn to Him as a last resort.

A person who has been brought to the point of helplessness and hopelessness can be helped. When there is no hope anywhere else, there is hope in Christ.

  There is no need to reach the point of hopelessness; no need to reach the end of our ropes; no need to become utterly depressed. Circumstances should never be allowed to destroy us, not to the point of utter hopelessness. Nevertheless, many reach that point. The one thing to remember is that Jesus does care and will never turn away from the hopeless. He opens His arms to all who come—even to the hopeless.

2.  There is the shy, embarrassed, unworthy attitude. The woman worked her way through the crowd and came up behind Jesus. She wanted to touch Jesus without being seen or noticed. Why? She was embarrassed and felt unworthy. Her hemorrhaging was a personal, intimate matter for her, something she did not want to be known and discussed. She was considered unclean; therefore, she felt unworthy to approach Jesus.

**T**he sense of unworthiness and hopelessness touches the heart of Jesus; it is not being shy and fearing embarrassment. Being shy and fearing embarrassment are only the attitudes that create a sense of unworthiness and hopelessness. Jesus accepts any of the hopeless who come to Him, no matter what causes their sense of unworthiness.

Embarrassing matters, personal matters, secret matters—all are understood by Christ. He wishes no one to suffer ridicule or shame. He will accept the shy, quiet approach that comes to Him. but it won’t stay that way.

  `**T**here are personal, embarrassing matters that we all wish to keep secret. These sometimes cause problems for us, serious problems that drive us to the point of hopelessness. A shy, embarrassed attitude approaches Jesus but the sense of unworthiness and hopelessness touches His heart.

Psalm 34:18—*The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.*

51:17—*The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.*

II. There is Hope for the Hopeless

Romans 4:18 ***Who against hope believed in hope****, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.*

An expectant, believing attitude. The hopeless woman believed what "she had heard of Jesus." She believed the gospel, that Jesus loved and cared and would make her whole.

a. The thoughts of her mind,

Mark 5:28—*For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.*

She believed in her heart two things: the gospel what she had heard about Jesus—Healer and the power of Jesus to make her whole.

A believing attitude is essential for any person to come to Christ, whether hopeless or not. One must believe in the gospel and in the power of Jesus to make one whole.

 Mark 1:15—*And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.*

Rom.1:16—*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*

4.  There is faith for the faithless

Mark 9:23—*Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. 24 And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears,* ***Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief****.*

The confessing attitude. Jesus had made the way easy for her. He had allowed her to be healed without embarrassment, but it was not enough to believe in secret. The secret disciple had to be brought to the point of confessing her faith.

a.   Spiritual virtue has flowed out from Him into the woman. Jesus felt virtue go from His body. He turned and asked the pressing throng surrounding Him, "Who touched my clothes?"

 Imagine the enormous amounts of virtue that flowed out from Jesus from the day of His baptism to the cross! Imagine the fathomless flow of virtue that flowed from the cross, covering believers of all generations. It is incomprehensible! Yet it is a fact—a fact that proclaims the love of the Son of God. He poured out all the virtue within His eternal being for mankind.

b.  The disciples were unaware of the virtue that would flow from Him.

They were ignorant of what Jesus was doing:

Matthew 8:17 –*That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.*

Isaiah 53:4—*Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.*

*⇒  He was healing that men might seek Him and saving that men might know Him.*

*He was teaching that public confession of Him was essential.*

The disciples were surprised at Jesus' question: "Who touched me?" He was completely surrounded by a mass of people. they asked Him why He was asking such a question in the midst of so many people. How could He possibly expect not to be touched?

c.  The woman confessed. When Jesus asked the question, the woman came up to Jesus "fearing and trembling." She had approached Him being unclean

and had not requested permission to touch Him. But she had been healed. Now she felt that she must respond to His question and identify herself lest He rebuke her and reject her. She feared that somehow her healing might be reversed if she did not confess that she had touched Him. So "knowing what was done in her, [she] came and fell down before Him, and told Him all the truth." It was difficult and embarrassing, but she did it.

Matthew 10:32—*Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.*  Luke 12:8—*Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God:*

*Romans 10:9—That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

5.  The result is glorious. Jesus granted the request of the hopeless. "Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole, go in peace, and be whole" ([Mark 5:34](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Mk+5%3A34)). The result was twofold. She received peace. The fear and trembling were taken away and she was flooded with peace. Second, she was made whole both physically and spiritually.

 Mark 5:34—*And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.*

Acts 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

desperately hopeless, feeling ashamed, embarrassed, and unworthy. According to the law she was not to be in the crowd surrounding Jesus at all. She was supposed to be isolated, but her desperation drove her to Jesus. She felt that Jesus would never touch her because she was unclean, but she had heard so many wonderful things about Him: if she could only touch His garment, He would never know, and she would be healed. Imagine her great faith!

**Jesus' response was fourfold.**

1.  *Jesus turned* to the woman. There was no way Jesus could have felt the touch to His robe. He was being pressed and thronged by the crowd, yet when she stepped up behind Him and touched His robe, He knew. How?

a.  Her faith touched Him. It is faith that touches Jesus. Faith will never go unnoticed nor be ignored by Jesus.

**Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth" (**[**Mark 9:23**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Mk+9%3A23)**).**

b.  Virtue (power and life) went out from Jesus into her. When a person places his faith in Jesus and His power, it touches Jesus, and Jesus infuses His virtue (His power and life) into that person. That is what life and salvation are all about: the infusion of God's virtue, power, and life into the spirit of man.

**And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes?" (**[**Mark 5:30**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Mk+5%3A30)**).**

Jesus stopped and turned to the woman. To Jesus the most important work in all the world is meeting a person's need in their soul. The more desperate the need, the more Jesus wants to stop and face the need. Nothing will keep Jesus from stopping and turning to a person who comes to Him in faith.

2**.  *Jesus saw* the woman**. He saw her desperation, her confession of hopelessness, her need, her faith; and His heart went out to her from the depths of compassion.

The Lord cares for all, no matter how rejected, cut off, or ostracized. A person may be considered unclean, dirty, polluted, contaminated, lost forever; but that person is precious to our Lord. His heart goes out in tenderness and care to the greatest of sinners.

**For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities: but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (**[**Hebrews 4:15-16**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+4%3A15-16)**).**

3.  ***Jesus accepted* the woman**. He called her "daughter" no such thing as adopting her into the family of God. He spoke to her in behalf of the Father and gave her the assurance that she was accepted by God. The fact that God would help her was conveyed to her immediately. Note also that Jesus said, "be of good cheer." She experienced the consolation and assurance of God immediately.

When a person really comes to God in diligent faith, God immediately gives knowledge and comfort. He gives such a release from pressure and desperation that the person's spirit sighs and marvels in the new found peace.

**But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (**[**John 1:12**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+1%3A12)**).**

**For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father" (**[**Romans 8:15**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ro+8%3A15)**).**

**And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty" (**[**2 Cor. 6:18**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=2Co+6%3A18)**).**

**But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father" (**[**Galatians 4:4-6**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Gal+4%3A4-6)**).**

4.  ***Jesus made* her whole**. His virtue (power and life) was infused into her and she was saved and made whole. She had feared facing Jesus because she feared being rebuked. She was wrong. Jesus longed to heal the desperate among the people. No person is too dirty for Him. In fact, the more unclean a person is, the more He wants to cleanse and make him whole. Imagine such a Savior!

**But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" (**[**Matthew 9:12-13**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Mt+9%3A12-13)**).**

**Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (**[**Matthew 20:28**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Mt+20%3A28)**).For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (**[**Luke 19:10**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Lk+19%3A10)**).**

**Luke 6:17 And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases;**

**18 And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed.**

**19 And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and healed them all.**