



Message 1- The Woman with the Issue of Blood

Announcements

Men's Night with Kenny Luck and Aeneas Williams// Tuesday, March 19 // Food Trucks at 5:00 pm // Event starts at 7:00 pm // Invite your friends and arrive early to purchase dinner from the area's best food trucks! ChurchoftheKing.com/mensnight

Warm-up

Daylight saving time is this weekend. We "spring forward" one hour. What do you like most about this time change? What do you like least?

Overview

In this first message of our new series, *One to One: Encounters with Jesus*, we look at some big questions. Questions like: *How can I get out of the pain I am in? Can I get another chance? How do I move forward in life? How do I battle these temptations? Where do I find answers when I'm confused?* Questions like these can unlock new opportunities or can hold us back if they linger out there. Jesus is not afraid of our questions. For the next six weeks, we'll find Jesus' answers to some of our life questions.

Word and Application

We learn about a woman's *One to One: Encounter with Jesus* in **Mark 5:25-34**--The Woman with the Issue of Blood. **Read the same account in Matthew 9:20-22 and Luke 8:43-48.** From these verses, we learn some lessons about the **pain** she experienced, the **problems** she faced, and the **persistent faith** she possessed.

1. The pain she experienced.

She lived in pain for twelve long years. According to the Book of Leviticus, she was forced to live outside of her community because of her condition. She was in pain and isolated.

- How do physical pain and emotional pain differ? How are they alike?
- Why does pain, whether physical or emotional, often times isolate us from others?

In her pain, she still reached out to Jesus.

Why don't we reach out?

APATHY

UNBELIEF

DESPAIR

- Which of the three reasons (apathy, unbelief, despair) can you most relate to?
- How can we overcome each of the three reasons in order to answer the tough question:
How do I get out of the pain I'm in?

2. The **problems** she faced.

She had spent every dime she had to cure her disease but was only getting worse. She was sick, broke, exhausted and desperate, yet she was not hopeless.

- What is the difference between hopelessness and desperation?
- Share a time when Jesus Christ proved to be your only Hope.

3. The **persistent faith** she possessed.

She pressed through the crowd. She was not afraid to reach out. She touched the hem of His garment.

- What had she been saying to herself about what would happen when she reached out to Jesus?
- What significance did her "self-talk" play in receiving her miracle?
- What did Jesus say to her in Mark 5:34?
- What other observations can you make about her persistent faith?

Life Challenge

What if we trusted God and pressed past the crowds, the questions, the opinions, the apathy, unbelief, and despair and simply reached out to Jesus? What is our wholeness worth? In what ways can we have our own *One to One: Encounter with Jesus*?

Prayer

Father, we are thankful that You welcome our questions. Thank You for the answers provided in Your Word. Please help us to press past the crowds with persistent faith to receive our miracle. May we experience a personal *One to One: Encounter with Jesus* as we seek Him in this series. Jesus Christ is our one Hope, and we praise You for the miracles that abound for Your glory. In Jesus' Name. Amen. Pray for the specific needs of the group.