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- Mt 9 Mk 5:21-34

Jesus is by the seaside, a large crowd has gathered round him- A man by name of Jairus pushes his way through the mass of people, falls at Jesus feet and begs Him earnestly – my little girl is on the verge of death, come and lay Your hands upon her that she may be healed and live.

This is no common man. Jairus is a big deal, Jewish ruler, a VIP, well known, well-respected. He's a who's who, a somebody in society. Through association, his daughter is also well known. This is Jairus's daughter. In doing this Jairus has just stepped out. Jairus has just fallen at the feet of One whom none of his peers believe in. This is headline status stuff. Jesus responds immediately to his urgent request, as one does when something is very important.

picture this – Jairus is in haste, pushing through the crowd, Jesus right behind him to heal Jairus's daughter. But on the way, following the ruler through the crowd to Jairus's home, something happens, there is an interruption, a delay.

Another female that Jesus encounters; an unknown, isolated, poor, past her prime, sickly, ostracized woman. This woman: lost in the crowd, not of any consequence. She has a condition that has probably kept her home in her room, by herself for years- not supposed to be around people when you have an issue of blood. A lot of people alone in their apartment – in their room, their usefulness seems to have died, they're lonely, suffering, the biggest thing they do with their life is going from one medical appointment to the next, on multiple medications but not healed. Many people have given up – this is their lot in life, surrendered to it mostly because they've tried everything and this is the best they can do; they're on gov't assistance and if they try to do something, they will lose the assistance. This woman spent all her money on health care but she has progressively gotten worse not better. She's stuck. Or is she?

With deep intentionality / belief that Jesus can help her she determines to connect with what feels like her only hope, her last chance, she too is pressing through the crowd desperately trying to reach Jesus. No one is going to stop her. She sees that Jesus is on a mission, following this very important well-known man. She's probably thinking I can't bother Him, I am nobody to interrupt but, "if I can just touch his clothing I will be healed."

Seeing Jesus at a distance wasn't enough and it isn't enough today. God expresses in His word that a casual, rote, habitual mechanical religion is not the real thing. Instead, those who seek for Him, will find Him when they search for Him with all the heart.

With longing Moses said I want to encounter you. Show me who You are.

Wise men travelled far.

The Greeks who came to the synagogue, they knew they weren't welcomed there wouldn't be allowed in- we would see Jesus- up close.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for God

Jesus said, seek and you will find – sell all you have, seek first – most important quest of your life.

Is church boring? Try going with this level of desire, of hunger, of God I want to encounter you. If Pastor, teacher, singers, people in the pews, had that experience – church would be a popping place

Pushing herself forward, she gets close enough, reaches out and is able to touch the hem of His garment and it happens! Immediately! she's healed. The bleeding stops. She can feel it. She knows it. It really happened.

Jesus stops who touched Me? He sees the woman – fearing and trembling
“Daughter, ...” Jesus calls her Daughter- she may not be the daughter of someone important in society, who left her an estate, who gifted beautiful genes, but Jesus says you are MY daughter. You are just as valuable to me as Jairus's daughter is to him. no one is beneath His notice or care

“Daughter, your faith has made you well/whole” Belief + Action = Faith (living the belief). Take away one of the variables – either belief or action and it's dead. (Ja 2:17,20)

Her faith said if I can just touch the hem of Jesus garment – why the hem?
The hem of the garment the High priest wore was lined with gold bells and linen pomegranates Ex 28, 39:24

The pomegranate, the most delicious medicine God created in my estimation. It is a powerful, healing fruit. Ingredient list: >100 items long. And mostly names you wouldn't be able to pronounce.

The fruit, the seed, the husk, the flowers, the leaves, the bark- all have medicinal value/pharmacological effects and have been used to treat a wide variety of ailments such as: hypertension, heart disease, inflammation, cancer, oxidative stress, high cholesterol, insulin resistance, immune system dysregulation, digestive symptoms, bleeding disorders...

You do not have a problem that Jesus, our High Priest does not have the cure for. He intercedes as our High Priest to heal us, to make us whole.

Poor Jairus (my patience would have left me – Jesus my daughter first, she's about to die you can talk with this woman on the way back) receives the message that it's too late- his daughter died. it's of no use to bring Jesus. Or is it? Jesus overhears and says to Jairus Do not be afraid; only believe.

fear= destroyer of faith

Believe – Jairus just heard: Daughter your faith has made you whole

Jesus speaks to a dead girl and when Jesus speaks to dead people they respond! They are made well and that's true physically and spiritually – dead in sin God can make alive (Col 2:13)

After thought:

Eph 2:4 But God who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ...

Ro 5:3-5