



We all know we have five senses. Taste, hearing, seeing, smell and touch. Out of the five, many can live, do live without one of them. The one we think least about is touch. Our sense of touch keeps us safe from heat, cold and pain. It lets us pick up the smallest petal and hold the largest rock. It can bring rejection and acceptance. In today's passage for one woman it brings hope and healing.

Key Verse. *“And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my garments?” (Mark 5:30).*

In Mark's gospel he keeps Jesus on the move. This comes on the heels of Jesus calming the storm and healing the man possessed with demons. Jesus has gone back over to the Jewish side of the Sea of Galilee and is immediately confronting with a request to heal the daughter of a synagogue ruler. On his way to her, in the middle of the crowd that surrounded him a woman, who is an outcast by her disease and situation reaches out to touch Jesus for healing.

Read *Mark 5:21-34*. Highlight the words, phrases that stand out to you in this section.

Describe the best you can the emotional, physical state of this woman in the crowd. Read *Mark 5:28*.

This woman is hopeless. When we are hopeless there are different types of faith we can display. There is the “faith of last resort,” “unworthy faith,” “expectant faith,” and “confessing faith.”

What type of faith do I usually practice? Do I go to Jesus as a last resort, or expecting he will act? What influences my faith the most?

Read *Mark 5:30*. Jesus' question is not one of ignorance, but of confession. He is asking the woman to proclaim what her need was and what Jesus has done for her.

How hard is it for me to publicly confess my faith in Jesus? When was the last time I did? What keeps me from doing so more often? See *1 Peter 3:15*.

My faith leads me to Jesus. Jesus frees me and removes my suffering, and I want everyone to know.

THIS WEEK:

- What part of your life does Jesus need to touch? Will you let him?
- Who can you tell what Jesus has done for you?