

The Healing Touch of Christ

Mark 5:25-34 recounts the moment when a woman who had suffered for many years with some kind of bleeding disorder sought out Jesus for help. She said nothing to him. She merely reached out and touched his cloak, knowing that if he was willing he could heal her. She needed help. She needed freedom from her suffering. At that touch her bleeding and her suffering ceased. The cloak was not magic. It contained no power. Instead the one who wore it had and still has ultimate power to touch and heal those who reach out in faith to him. Jesus told the woman that her suffering was over, not because she had touched the cloak, but because of her faith in his ability to heal her. He told her to go in peace and be free from her suffering. Psalm 28: 7 relates David's reliance on and faith in God. The Lord was his strength, his shield. He trusted in him and was helped. That same power exists today. Christ is still willing to provide a healing touch to all who reach out in faith. His touch will provide the power so that we know with certainty that what is impossible for man is absolutely possible for God. His touch will provide the power to transform us so that sin is no longer the guiding principle in our lives. And his power can heal us from the consequences of the sin of others-we need only reach out in faith.