

Matthew 9:21

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Shakled

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DEFINED

- Anchor Drag
- Dampered
- Yoke
- Restraint
- Hemmed In
- Hand-cuffed
- Hog-Tied

Burdened

Burden

- Repeated Failures
- Guilt-ridden obsessed (burden on one's conscience)
- Despondency - due to defection of family and friends
in times of adversity
- When friends don't return telephone calls
- Insecurity

Leaves a state of

ANTITHESIS

- Incomplete
- Inadequacy
- Deficient
- Lacking
- Partial
- Defective

IN a do quite
UNfulfilled

Forces one.

STRESS/STRAIN

stress/strain

- Breaking Point
- Retreated - to protect our vulnerable self. Forced to insulate and isolate

The word speaks in this Text

Bible story

- Insecurities

Jesus is on his way to restore the health of a little girl.
The crowd, curiously hoping him to fail - but in the crowd -- one woman was different.

- Radium, X-Ray, Surgery, pain relieving drugs -- Face was one of pain, weakness and worry
- She had spent all of her money
- She was at a point of desperation

- Marriage
- Unfulfilled ambitions
- Mental/Physical Disability
- Job Conflict
- Family
- Rearing a Family
- Insufficient Income
- Open Wounds
- Festering Vexations
- Life-long scars with tender tissues
- Recessed anger -- lent for years
- Bitterness
- Personality Disorders
- Dashed hopes and Dreams

One ~~SOOTS~~ COMPLETENESS Completeness

- Unity
- Full Measure
- Together

UNITY
Full Measure
Togetherness

The Woman - A Nobody

She's in Jewish autocracy - a Nobody

She could have been anybody — Anybody

- Pain, suffering and heartbreak are not respected of people

- She is symbolic of a vast number of us who seek hope and possibility

Bible Story - When she heard of Jesus

THE STORY SAYS: WHEN SHE HEARD OF JESUS

- She had tried everything else, last resort, her last hope -- Or can it be said that the First time she heard of Jesus - SHE CAME.

She was sick 12 years

Jesus had only been known for months

There were no books about Jesus

No names in the newspaper spreading his Fame

No organized Churches, evangelizing

She had only heard a rumor and acted on that rumor

I. How she talked To Herself

KEY I: HOW SHE TALKED TO HERSELF

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" What we say to people is important, but what we say

to ourselves is far more important. It is good to speak in public, but it is better to learn how to talk to ourselves.

- She might have talked about herself

How she had suffered

Body racked with pain

Lost opportunity to be a wife, mother/kids

Repeated disappointments

No Hope

This suffering was not her fault, she could have become bitter

Injustices of God

Unfairness of Man

Some of Us -- indulge in Self-Pity

Reached the point of enjoying bad circumstances

Sometimes - sickness is an escape for us

Depression/Moodiness are sometimes desired

WHEN THINGS ARE GOING BAD FOR US -- HOW DO WE TALK TO OURSELVES?

When the Spirit says YES, This woman

- Mind -- Computer
- Body -- Bleeding
- Spirit -- Connected with GOD

Defeat
Options

KEY II she responds to fate with
the depths of Destiny Faith

Strategy:

The Sorting Process - Plan

He can do it -- Heal HE CAN AND WILL HEAL

He can and will - Strategy

This woman heard what Jesus had done for others and believed " If I could but touch Him:

THE STRATEGY

1. Won't ask him to my house

2. I won't ask Him to put his hand on my Head

3. I won't ask Him to speak to me

If - If I could but touch Him.

If I could touch Him

Where should I touch Him?

1. On the Head. No -- Not worthy

2. On the Hand. No -- that would be too familiar

3. If I could just touch His clothes

Describe his movement through the crowd. She touched the Hem of His garment.

NO ONE NOTICED BUT JESUS

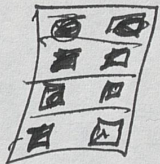
- NO ONE NOTICED
- but JESUS

He felt the power go out of Him - VIRTUE

Somebody's faith had touched His strength

Faith had tied His Strength
FAITH HAD TIED HIS STRENGTH - WHO TOUCHED ME?

ILLUSTRATE - BREAKER PANEL



A WOMAN THAT BEGAN AS A NOBODY, BY TOUCHING CHRIST BECAME A SOMEBODY, WHO NOW REPRESENTS EVERYBODY WHO HAS FAITH IN HIM--

All - she had was Faith
ALL SHE POSSESSED WAS FAITH

KEY III

God's Strategy

Chansed - Made Whole

Whole man

• NO MONEY

• NO PRIVATE CONFERENCE

Whole -

- Perspective
- Healed
- Blessed
- Power To Love & Forgive