

## Who Touched My Clothes?

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### 1 John 3:20

“For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.”

### Psalm 147:5

“Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.”

Jesus asks questions not to get information but to lead us down the path where we will see right information - where we will get to see truth so that we can adjust our lives accordingly

### Mark 5:21-34

When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. <sup>22</sup> Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. <sup>23</sup> He pleaded earnestly with him, “My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live.” <sup>24</sup> So Jesus went with him. A large crowd followed and pressed around him. <sup>25</sup> And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. <sup>26</sup> She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. <sup>27</sup> When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup> because she thought, “If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed. <sup>29</sup> Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering. <sup>30</sup> At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, “Who touched my clothes?” <sup>31</sup> “You see the people crowding against you,” his disciples answered, “and yet you can ask, ‘Who touched me?’ ” <sup>32</sup> But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup> Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup> He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.”

#### A. Life isn't always nicely wrapped up and pretty.

- James. 1:2-8; Hebrews 12:5-7

#### B. Jesus responds to sincerity and humility

- Parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector (**Luke 18:9-14**)

“But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’ I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” (**v.13**)

#### C. Jesus responds to messiness

- Jesus came to seek and save the lost.
  - i. **Matthew 9:12** “On hearing this, Jesus said, ‘It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”
  - ii. **Mark 5:28** “because she thought, ‘If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.’”

#### **D. Jesus responds graciously by asking beautiful questions**

- **Hebrews 3:15** “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion.”
  - i. God speaks in a still small voice
  - ii. We just sense we need to do something
  - iii. My conscience can be seared (1 Tim. 4:2)

#### **E. Jesus addresses identity**

- **Mark 5:32-34** “But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup> Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup> He said to her, ‘Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.’”
- **Matthew 9:22** “Take heart, daughter, your faith has healed you.”
- **Romans 15:13** “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

#### **F. Jesus is among us**

#### **G. Sincerity needs personal, vulnerable action**

- **Psalms 121:1-2** “I lift up my eyes to the hills - where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.”

**How are you doing? Why are you afraid? Where are you going? Why did you take that? Who touched my clothes? Who do you say I am? Do you want to be healed?**