

# “Exhausted But I Press”

## Part 2

*Mark 5:25-34* And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years,

*26* And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse,

*27* When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. **She press through the crowd just to touch Jesus!**

*28* For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.

*29* And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague.

*30* And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, **Who touched my clothes?**

*31* And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?

*32* And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing.

*33* But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth.

*34* And he said unto her, **Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.**

My brothers and sisters the Christian walk is one of great pressure and great pressing.

**Pressing** and **pressure** are connected to the word **persecute** which means **to pursue, press against, hunt down and take action against.**

Sometimes we have to press against, put pressure on life and hunt down those things God has promised the saints.

We have to move past fatigue, hurt and pain and disappointment!

**This woman had an issue of blood for 12 long years!**

The Bible says:

- She suffered at the hands of many doctors!
- She spent all her money!
- She didn't get any better!
- She only got worse!

**For 12 long years she suffered getting worse after each year—most people would have given up!**

No doubt she got **angrier** as she got **weaker, broker and sicker!**

## **She had (5) problems with one sickness:**

1. She had **physical problems** and was weak because she was constantly bleeding!
2. She had **emotional problems** because she no longer felt clean and valued.
3. She had **social problems** because she couldn't be around other people.
4. She had **spiritual problems** because she couldn't worship in the Temple.
5. She had **financial problems** because she spent all her money on doctors but got worse.

This woman was challenged in just about every way!

It must have been incredibly hard for her to come out of her house and face people with **all** her problems.

Just about everything in her life was falling apart and gave her a reason to quit!

**But she didn't, she pressed! Every day for 12 long years she pressed!**

Most people would have given up!

**But not her!**

After those she thought could help failed she decided to depend on God!

**So she pressed!**

At her weakest point she decided to go after Jesus!

**Still she pressed!**

She used what little strength she had left to press through poverty, discouragement, rejection and isolation and get to Jesus!

**But she pressed!**

In her mind she **unclean** and not welcomed around others!

**But she pressed!**

Based on The Ceremonial Law she was unclean a reject unwanted!

**But she pressed!**

She was tired, broken, frustrated and ashamed of her condition!

**But she pressed!**

She wasn't supposed to touch anybody in her condition!

**But she pressed!**

She was probably around more people than she'd seen in years!

**But she kept pressing!**

She had more faith in Jesus love than what the people thought!

**She pressed her way; she forced herself to go against what people thought!**

With hundreds maybe thousands of people pushing, shoving and rubbing against Jesus **she was the only one pressing!**

➤ **Of the hundreds maybe thousands of people around Jesus only this woman pressed!**

This woman **pressed past** physical, mental, emotional, social, religious and financial pain to get her miracle!

**I'm concerned today as I look at the saints—many give up and given in to quickly!**

I came this morning to **encourage** someone who was **about to give up!**

Things look impossible—but God responds to those who **press!**

**Her faith that was private has now become public!**

Jesus called her **daughter!** While sons are the **strength** of their fathers, daughters are the **honor** of their fathers.

Your **pressing faith** honors your Heavenly Father!

Lastly this woman had a serious illness for **12 long years.**

The Bible is very specific about the length of her sickness for a reason.

**12** is the number of **Governmental Perfection and Administration!**

God establishes the governmental order of Israel from the 12 sons of Jacob.

At the age 12 Jesus was found in the Temple questioning the teachers.

Jesus says He can ask The Father for 12 legions of angels to rescue Him.

*NIV Matthew 19:28 Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."*

In Mark chapter 5 before the scripture tells the story of this woman sick for 12 years it tells the story of the demon possessed man of Gadara.

He had tormented and entire region for a long time, living among the dead, no one could control him, bind him or do anything with him.

Jesus shows up and casts **legion** (6000) demons or a whole troop out of this man.

Then tells him to go into **Decapolis** (meaning 10 cities) and tell everyone what has happened—a New Government has been established in this region it will no longer be controlled by demons.

After this woman touches Jesus He knew it immediately!

He turns and tells this woman ***"your faith has made you whole"***!

Because she pressed her way through sickness, pain, fear, doubt, shame, poverty and weakness and touched Jesus.

She was about to enter into a new Governmental system called The Kingdom of God!

Being made **whole** means everything she lost—her health, peace of mind, family, friends, status and her money would be restored.