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Mark 5:24-34

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The crowds came and the crowds grew for what was probable. One woman came for what she knew was possible. And so we start here in **Mark 5:24** today,

And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him.

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Not just a polite lining of the streets to get a glimpse but more of a frenzied swelling of numbers. **John 6:2** described it like this,

And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick.

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The kind of numbers that made them have the reports of the Teacher passing through. In a society where we crave connection what do you want? What have you come for? I ask because there was one person in that crowd who came for something more. Have you? **Mark 5:25**,

And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years,

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This meant according to the law of Moses in Leviticus 15 she was deemed unclean and had to be separated. She had spent most days in the last 12 years unclean and untouchable which had led to her being unacceptable. Not only was she dangerously ill, **she must have felt painfully alone for much of those years.**

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Read on in **Mark 5:26**,

and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse.

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It is nothing new – we hold medicine and its science in such high regard **we have higher expectations of our doctors and psychologists than we do of Jesus.** The NHS has become the highest power we believe in. And what is happening to the health of our society? As Mark described - It is growing worse.

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But there is hope in **Mark 5:27**

She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment.

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You have heard the reports about Jesus. **Psalms 103:3-5**

who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, ⁴who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, ⁵who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

But do you come to Him believing?

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Isaiah 53:1 asks the question (NKJV)

Who has believed our report?

Suggesting few really come believing what is possible with God.

Are you living as the crowd coming to see what might happen to someone today or as this woman who came to experience what was possible? **Mark 5:28** we know what she expected,

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For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well."

She knew she did not need to impress Jesus or perform for him, but some of you do. She knew he had the power to accept her but some of you are trying to find acceptance in so many other ways. **She knew He could make her well but for some of you He is still not your highest power.**

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And now look at what she experienced at the feet of Jesus in **verse 29**,

And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.

God knows when any need on earth is met by His power in heaven. Your pain, your struggle, your grief, your addiction, your habits, your appetites, your helplessness is known to the King of the kingdom of the heavens. **Verse 30**

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And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my garments?"

Jesus question was not designed to embarrass but to exalt. It was not designed to shame this woman but to shine a light on her faith.

Now his disciples got themselves all mixed up in the practical. Big crowd, too many possibilities, bad question. Let's move on. But not Jesus. **Mark 5:34**,

And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

Your faith has done what doctors could not do. Your belief has acquired what money could not buy. Your faith has set you free from the prison of expectations.

Truth is **we are prisoners of our expectations**. Psychologists have a name for persistent limited expectations - blame reflex.

If you've suffered an illness but never found a doctor who can diagnose or cure you expect you never will. When you've been given a label and the label gets blamed for behaviours. You develop habitual behaviours and you will say things like "Oh, you know me, always opening my big mouth!"

The performance coach Jason Jaggard who takes some of the worlds highest performers and helps them get even better through his team speaks of

"hunting for reasons the individual abdicates their responsibilities".

In other words what Jesus is asking you today is this,

What is causing your expectations of Him to be so little?

If you walked in expecting to walk out with a little more knowledge or understanding this is nothing more than a **library**. Your expectations were nothing more than - do not disturb and everybody goes home unchanged.

If you walked in expecting to see if God would impress you with a performance of two then this was nothing more than a **firework display** a few big bangs, some oohs and aahs then go home unchanged.

If you walked in believing the reports you've read in His word this week then this was truly nothing less than **church**. Are your belief has made you well. And your the ones who can go in peace.

And Jesus answered them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ³²I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”