

An Embarrassing Problem

Some health problems are downright embarrassing, and patients may naturally be shy about revealing their physical condition to others. In this story, Jesus is not shy about discussing a uniquely female problem in public, but how he intervenes may surprise you.

Read Mark 5:25-34 (NIV)

²⁵ And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. ²⁶ 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. ²⁷ When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ because she thought, “If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.” ²⁹ Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

³⁰ At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, “Who touched my clothes?”

³¹ “You see the people crowding against you,” his disciples answered, “and yet you can ask, ‘Who touched me?’ ”

³² But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. ³³ Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. ³⁴ He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.”

A Nursing Assessment

- What do you think this woman’s life was like before she met Jesus?
- What surprises you about Jesus in this story? What do you think it meant for this woman to hear, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering”?

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- What strikes you as unique about the way Jesus cares for this woman? What attributes of Jesus’ care would you like to model in your own care for others?

Putting Faith into Practice

- This woman was subject to bleeding for 12 years! What chronic issues in your own life do you want to place at Jesus’ feet? What could be keeping you from approaching him?
- Pray with another person this week for courage to approach Jesus and entrust your life into his care.