

THE SIX WEEK PURSUIT HEROE'S LEGACY

WEEK 1 – FAITH

Thursday - “Hands-On Faith”

BIBLE STUDY:

Read Mark 5:25 – 34, Luke 8:43 – 48, Leviticus 15:25-30, before reading the devotional

DEVOTIONAL:

Have you ever been to Disneyworld? I had the opportunity to go in high school, and let me tell you, it was awesome. There are 6 parks to choose from, but I'm only going to give you a taste of one. EPCOT is a miniature world. You can visit China, stop in the Netherlands, grab a bite to eat in Spain, and end the night in Morocco. Sure, there are rides and attractions, but as a major “Foodie”, the thought of eating my way around the world was way too exciting. I could have charbroiled octopus at the Coral Reef restaurant, a cheese and béchamel croissant at the Les Halles Boulangerie-Patisserie, and end it all with La Sphère, a milk chocolate sphere with chocolate almond cake, praline, and chocolate cream at Monsieur Paul's. I was a poor high school student, so I didn't get to actually eat these \$30+ dishes, but the smells were free with admission.

I could go on about all the parks and the amazing experiences I had there, but unless you have been there, you will never truly know what it is like. So, if you're now depressed or bummed out that you haven't been, may never go, or you plumb missed out, this is exactly how the woman with the issue of blood felt when she heard about Jesus.

Jesus had been traveling all over Israel preaching, performing miracles, and transforming lives. The woman had heard everything about Him and knew He could heal her. You read in Leviticus what she would have to do to be considered clean, but this poor woman had been bleeding for 12 years! Anyone who touched her or anything she had touched would have to go through a cleansing ritual, so you could bet people didn't want to be around her, so she was probably lonely and depressed. Instead of just sitting at home, wishing she could be “clean” again, dreaming about what it would be like to be healthy, she got up and went to Jesus herself.

She had faith that if she could just touch the hem of his garment, she would be healed. She had faith that Jesus would heal her, but believing that He could, and putting her faith into action by going to Him, are two very different things. It wasn't until she *went* to Jesus and touched his cloak that she was healed.

To put it in today's terms, she could have stayed home and watched the church services, prayed, read her bible, and joined a small group, but she wanted more. She wanted to meet with Jesus where He was at. She had faith that Jesus was so powerful, she only needed to touch His garment to be healed. So, she did. And guess what? Jesus healed her.

Sincerely,
Becky Weaver

CHALLENGE:

We need to be like the woman. We need to not only have faith that God can and will do what He promises us but put it into action. We need to stop sitting at home wishing and half-heartedly praying that things will change. We need to get up and put our faith into action! This week take a step in your faith. Talk to that family member, neighbor, or coworker about Jesus. Invite them to church. Challenge yourself to share your own walk with Christ.

PRAYER:

This week, pray about what God is asking you to do in your life, your school/work, your neighborhood, and your church. Then, put that into action.