

Many people desire to see Christ perform miracles—healing them and blessing them—but they are not willing to reach the level of His presence where He can release His power to minister to them immediately.

In the Bible, we see that there were times when Jesus went about His ministry, and large crowds followed Him. Yet not everyone in the crowd was healed—only certain individuals, those who did something extra.

The woman who had been bleeding for twelve years, who had suffered under many doctors and spent all she had without being healed, did not *assume* that simply seeing Jesus or hearing His voice would be enough for her deliverance.

Instead, she knew she had to reach Him. She was determined to do whatever it took. Even if she could not embrace Him, she believed that just touching the hem of His garment would be enough. As long as she could connect with Him in some way—get close enough—it would be sufficient.

So she made great effort to push through the crowd and even past the guards (His disciples) who were protecting Jesus.

Eventually, she succeeded.

Luke 8:43-44 (NIV)

And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her. She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped.

Many Christians today are spiritually lazy when it comes to drawing close to Christ. They want to be healed while remaining far away—sitting comfortably in their offices, under air conditioning, watching sermons on YouTube. They have no time to go to church. They want anointed oil that was prayed over in church to be brought to them, yet they themselves do not want to sit down and pray. They want to be healed through prayers offered by ministers, but they do not want to seek the face of God personally.

Brother, sister—you must intentionally seek the presence of Christ. Some things do not happen automatically. Make an effort

to reach at least the hem of Jesus' garment. Touch Him.

To touch Jesus is to attend extended prayer meetings, such as overnight prayers.

To touch Jesus is to be present in corporate worship, where the body of Christ gathers together in unity among many saints.

To touch Jesus is to praise and worship God deeply and for a sufficient time, to fast, and to commit yourself to His work.

But if we remain passive—waiting for Jesus to be delivered to us like a postal package—when we ourselves have the ability to reach Him, we will delay our own breakthrough. Like the crowd, we will follow from afar until we grow weary.

It is time to rise and connect with your Jesus.

Touch Him. Touch Him.

You will receive your answer much faster than remaining at a distance.

Remove spiritual laziness. Begin now to pursue Him earnestly, and He will minister to you by His grace.

Shalom.

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