

Apprenticing Jesus || A Series Through the Gospel of Luke

How Faith Finds a Way

Sermon Synopsis: Faith finds a way to Jesus
Themes: faith

Luke 8:40-48 (ESV)

Now when Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him. And there came a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue. And falling at Jesus' feet, he implored him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying.

As Jesus went, the people pressed around him. And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, and though she had spent all her living on physicians, she could not be healed by anyone. She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, and immediately her discharge of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds surround you and are pressing in on you!" But Jesus said, "Someone touched me, for I perceive that power has gone out from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace."

Intro: Jude discovered bottle-caps. Pretty soon, he's collecting them. By day two, that's all he could think about. We ran out; he somehow kept finding more. **He found a way**

We may "believe" that God's Word is good (4-15)

- He brings light into darkness (16-18) **AP!**
- He creates a new family (19-21)
- He calms the storms (22-25)
- He liberates the oppressed (26-39)

Real life experience: **OBSTACLES** [to Jesus]

- Sick
- Possibly broke
- Socially ostracized

"She could not be healed by anyone" (43)

Ever feel like God is working in everyone's life except yours?

Sandwich – meat in the middle

But the story ends with her restored. Jesus: “your faith has made you well” (48)

Faith finds a way

I love those DIY clips on Instagram, where the mechanics of a recipe/project get broken down into manageable steps. This story = breakdown of the mechanics of faith

1. **Faith sees [what’s really important]**

It doesn’t ignore the obstacles; faith sees past your obstacles to His ability

She came up behind him (44a)

This Person can help me

See that your obstacle is not the end of your story

That’s why you’re here

2. **Faith does [something about it]**

Faith is not *merely* seeing or believing. It’s DOING

Touched the fringe (44b)

“Someone touched me” (46)

We’re not talking about an arbitrary act here

Fringe¹ – Kanaph (1 Sam 24:11, identity²; Malachi 4:2) – He’s the One! – Faith to risk³

I’m going to risk my real fears and try out what I heard about Him

Faith finds the fringe! (If I can just get to Jesus...)

Some of you are counting the reasons why you can’t

Jesus is giving you reasons why He can. Doesn’t even have to be a big one!

Fringe = **small acts of faith** - Mustard seed

Not the size of your faith, but the space it creates for God to move

3. **Faith commits [to the process]**

She “saw that she was not hidden” (47a) to Jesus

Jesus doesn’t just address the problem—He calls you out of hiding

Faith always moves off the fence towards Jesus

She **came trembling....falling down before Him** (47b) (from behind Him to before Him)

This perhaps took the most risk on her behalf—and it sealed the deal

Jesus: “**Daughter**” (48)⁴

I’m done trying...I’m following this Person forever

Faith may start on the fringe – but it turns into a follow

It sees, moves, and commits itself to what (or Who) is most important.

Faith isn’t really about you

- Faith assumes that God will make a way when there is no way
- Faith responds to God’s faithfulness rather than to life’s circumstances