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DAILY DEVOTION

HEALING YOUR DEEPEST HURT

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Psalm 34:18 (NIV)

“The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”

Everybody has a hidden hurt. Everybody needs healing. When we make Christ the Commander-in-Chief of our lives He heals our deepest hurt. He is the Mighty God.

The unnamed woman in Luke’s Gospel that came to Jesus in desperate need found healing.

She was not only healed physically when she touched the edge of His cloth, but Jesus healed an even deeper wound. He healed her deepest hurt. Because Jesus is the Mighty God, He has the power to overcome our deepest hurt. In Luke 8:43-48

This woman was truly desperate. For twelve long years she had been suffering from an illness until she was broke financially, emotionally and spiritually.

Under Jewish law she was considered unclean due to her condition and forbidden to touch anyone.

She couldn’t even worship in the Synagogue! She had no one to turn to and nowhere to go for help. Can you imagine what it would be like not to have the touch of another human being for twelve years?

Her physical problems had created social, emotional and financial crises. Finally, she was so desperate that she did something radical, even dangerous. When she heard about a miracle-worker called Jesus, she waded into a crowd hoping just to touch Him and be healed. But in the

crowd was one place this woman wasn't supposed to be. However, desperate times call for desperate measures. In an act of scandalous faith, this woman reached out, and without saying a word, touched the hem of Jesus cloak. Instantly, she was healed!

But the story doesn't end there with her experiencing the healing power of Jesus and the bliss of being pain-free for the first time in twelve years. She didn't fade back into the crowd without being discovered. Jesus knew she needed a deeper healing for an even deeper hurt. Her heart must have stopped when Jesus suddenly turned around and asked, "Who touched Me?" Neither the crowd nor the disciples knew that a miracle had taken place in their midst. Only Jesus and the woman knew. Wanting to give this woman the power to overcome her deepest hurt, Jesus made the woman to understand that "There is never a time when you cannot approach Me. You can never be too unclean for Me."

Imagine the relief she must have felt when Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace". She felt loved and accepted as a daughter. No longer separated due to her condition but welcomed into the family of God!

Is there an area in your life where you feel unclean? Have you been too ashamed even to put your prayer into words? Maybe you even feel unworthy of a miracle. You feel unworthy even to attend a church. Jesus already knows your need. The Psalmist wrote, "The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." Psalm 34:18 (NIV)

God already knows your deepest hurt. Our part is to reach out to Him in faith. Reach out to Jesus. Don't settle for anything less than personally touching Him. The same peace and freedom He gave to the woman in our story is available for you today.

Prayer: I received grace to go to God with my uncleanness, O Lord wash me clean and heal my deepest hurt in Jesus name,Amen!