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DAILY DEVOTION

YOU MUST CONTROL THE DEVIL

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JAMES 4:7 NKJ 7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

Most believers expect God to control the devil, but God gave you that responsibility.

EPHESIANS 4:27 NKJ 27 nor give place to the devil.

Would God tell you not to let the devil have any place, if you had no say about it? If the devil does have a place in your affairs, it's because you allow it.

The devil will take over -- if you let him.

Jesus won the victory. It legally belongs to you. But the devil is a criminal, who doesn't obey the law unless forced to. You must enforce Jesus' victory and Lordship in the situations of life, or the devil will take control by default.

No human being, in themselves, is any match for the devil. So you can't resist him in your own ability or name. You are not more powerful than the devil, but you do have more authority as a believer in Jesus Christ.

Just as a policeman in uniform has the backing of the entire government and all its forces, so believers have the backing of God and all His forces, when we stand against the devil in Jesus' Name.

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!