



## LIFE GROUP STUDY NOTES

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Wednesday 7 May 2014

**TITLE:** FAITH DOES NOT GIVE UP

**TEXT:** Mark 5: 25- 34

*25 Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, 26 and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. 27 When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment. 28 For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well." 29 Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction. 30 And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" 31 But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging you, and you say, 'Who touched me?'" 32 And He looked around to see her who had done this thing. 33 But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. 34 And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."*

### QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION & REFLECTION

1. According to mark 5:25, for how long did the woman suffer from constant bleeding?
2. According to Leviticus 15: 19-31, how were women with such a condition customarily treated under Jewish Laws?
3. Despite all the customs for women with the issue of blood, this woman pushed through the crowd. Likewise, are there obstacles or traditions that stand between you and your breakthrough? How should you respond in the face of your obstacles?
4. According to Mark 5:26, what did this woman lose in search of healing? Was her condition improving at all? Can we also expend much and still deteriorate?
5. Can you relate this to your life? Have you ever lost any resources or anything in pursuit of your breakthrough?
6. What FOUR things did the woman do before she received her miracle (vv27-28)?
7. What was the result when she touched the hem of the garment of Jesus (v29)? What was special about this woman's particular touch (vv30-31)? How can you develop that kind of "touch"?
8. How long did it take her to receive her healing? What does that mean in our own situation—can God do the same for you today?
9. According to Jesus, what had made the woman well (v34)? We know it is the power of God (virtue) that flowed from Jesus and healed the lady, but why did Christ credit her faith?