



## The Blood

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In the gospels we are introduced to the woman with the issue of blood. The book of Luke provides us a deeper insight to the suffering of the woman. Not only did she suffer a medical condition for 12 years, but she spent her livelihood seeking healing. She was literally "spent". (Luke 8:43-48)

In those times, women had to separate themselves from others during the time of their menses because they were considered unclean. For 12 years she had to remain apart from her community. I can only imagine the burden of trying to find work to pay for doctors in this condition. I can't imagine what it must have been like to find food, or to have to rely on the other women, who were temporarily in her same circumstances, to help provide her nourishment. 12 years went by before the last day of her ongoing suffering approached in the form of a healer, that she sought to reach for, but also hid from. She was used to being hidden. She was used to being present, but unaccounted for. Jesus saw her anyway.

I can't tell you how many times I personally looked for help from those suffering the same affliction that I did. As people, we tend to build a community among those in like circumstances. We feel safer among those that are familiar with our struggles. We feel less judged, but with a common cause. -But she had to rise up, and move out. "Spent" could no longer be her status. "Unclean" could no longer be her condition. I'm saying the same thing to you. You no longer have to be spent and far away from the places where you belong. A light is not meant to be hidden, and if God is in you, you are a bearer of that light. You have a purpose, you have a place, and you are not meant to remain in your affliction. There is a Healer of all circumstances that has no need for degrees and doesn't require your payment because He already paid the price. Rise up, kick the dust of yesterday off your feet and reach out to God. He is the God who sees you! He is the God who heals you. He is your kinsmen redeemer.

It is remarkable that although the blood she bore made her unclean, the blood of Jesus makes us ALL clean. When she connected to Him, she received a spiritual blood transfusion of manifested faith and was made completely whole. Lord, cleanse us and make us whole.

"Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace."" (Luke 8:47-48 NKJV)