

Trusting God Through Uncertainty, Part 3
Luke 8:40-48

Getting Started

- ❖ What is the most severe medical condition that either you or a loved one had that you have had to deal with? How did it impact your life spiritually, physically and emotionally?

Digging Deeper

- ❖ **Read Luke 8:40-48.**
 - Note: in the following three questions, no “detail” is too small to consider and use in creating your profiles. Put yourself in the story, the setting as if you were one of the Disciples observing all that took place.
 - Using clues from the text, create a “profile” of the “trembling woman” that helps you better understand her, her situation and her condition.
 - Out of the all the details Jerry shared in his sermon about her malady and the consequences of it, which one(s) spoke to you the most? Why?
 - Compare **verses 43-44 with 2 Chronicles 16:12-13**. Are we too swift to go for medical help when we are unwell? Is prayer for recovery too far down the list?
 - Why do you think the woman only touched the hem of Jesus’ garment and not Jesus himself?
 - Let’s think about Jesus’ proclamation that the woman’s faith had made her well.
 - What does this say about the importance of having a relationship with Jesus?
 - Do you believe this woman had great faith, the right object of faith or both?
 - If people can be healed by faith and prayer, why do we need medical science, doctors, etc?
 - What is the connection between how God works through a relationship with him and how God works through doctors, nurses, and medical research?
 - Does this story mean that if we are intentional in our faith that God will heal us of any ailments we have? Why or why not?
 - Why do you think Jesus stopped and called the woman out in this way? Was this gracious or punitive? Explain your answer.
 - What do you think Jesus was establishing through this healing?
 - How important is public testimony to healing?
 - Where in the story do you see the compassionate grace of Jesus?
 - What questions does this story create in your heart and mind?

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❖ **Applying this passage to Our Lives:**

- We need not fear rejection from Jesus when we bring our maladies, uncertainties and fears to Him. What is most pressing in your heart and mind right now?
- What's the difference between "pressing in on Jesus" and actually "touching Jesus"?
- The woman demonstrated great persistence and "nerve" to do what she did. As a result she was healed. Do you come to Jesus in this way? Do you believe your approach to Jesus could affect your prayer life and the results of it?

Think About It!

Finally, her witness was a rebuke to the multitude. You can be a part of the crowd and never get any blessing from being near Jesus! It is one thing to "press Him" and another thing to "touch Him" by faith. We may not have strong faith, but we do have a strong Saviour, and He responds even to a touch at the hem of His garment. (Warren Wiersbe)

Praying Together

Identify/Share the one thing that is most important to you that you would like Jesus to address in your life and then pray as a group for one another.

WORSHIP RESOURCE

May 3, 2020 | Fourth Sunday of Easter

WORSHIP SONGS

THIS IS AMAZING GRACE

Words by Phil Wickham and Jeremy Riddle, 2013

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness, whose love is mighty
and so much stronger? The King of glory, the King above all kings.
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder,
who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of glory, the King above all kings.

*This is amazing grace; this is unfailing love
that you would take my place, that you would bear my cross.
You laid down your life that I would be set free.
Jesus, I sing for all that you've done for me.*

Who brings the chaos back into order, who makes the orphan
a son and daughter? The King of glory, the King of glory.
Who rules the nations with truth and justice,
shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of glory, the King above all kings.

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

Words by Francis of Assisi, 1225 / German Melody, 1623

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with
us sing, Alleluia, alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,

O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in
heaven along, O praise him, alleluia! Thou rising morn in praise
rejoice, Ye lights of evening find a voice.

Let all things their creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in one.

I WANT TO KNOW YOU

Words and Music by Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, and Rich Thompson, 2016 / Based on lyrics from "In Jesus" by James Proctor

I've tried in vain a thousand ways my fears to quell, my hopes
to raise, but what I need, Your word has said, is ever, only Jesus.

You died, You live, You reign, You plead; there's love in all Your words
and deeds. This weary hearts finds all it needs in ever, only Jesus.

*I want to know You, Jesus my Lord, King of the heavens,
King of my soul. I trade my treasures and all my rewards,
Jesus, to know You, then know You more.*

Though some should curse me for Your name, I have no fear, I have
no shame. You stand with me for all my days, my ever, only Jesus.

Like wave after wave on the ocean. Like all of the sand on the shore.
Your beauty and glory are endless. O Jesus, I must know You more.

COME AS YOU ARE

Words and Music by David Crowder, Matt Maher, Ben Glover, 2014

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been.
Come broken-hearted, let rescue begin.
Come find your mercy, O sinner come kneel.
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.

*So lay down your burdens, lay down your shame.
All who are broken lift up your face.
O wanderer come home, you're not too far.
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart, come as you are.*

There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed.
Come sit at the table, come taste the grace.
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures.
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure.

Come as you are; fall in his arms, come as you are.

DAILY READINGS | BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

SUNDAY | Ps. 136; Exodus 28:1-38; 1 John 2:18-29; Mark 6:30-44
MONDAY | Ps. 115; Exodus 32:1-20; Col. 3:18-4:18; Matt. 5:1-10
TUESDAY | Ps. 116; Exodus 32:21-34; 1 Thess. 1:1-10; Matt. 5:11-16
WEDNESDAY | Ps. 9; Ex. 33:1-23; 1 Thess. 2:1-12; Matt. 5:17-20
THURSDAY | Ps. 113; Ex. 34:1-17; 1 Thess. 2:13-20; Matt. 5:21-26
FRIDAY | Ps. 49; Exodus 34:18-35; 1 Thess. 3:1-13; Matt. 5:27-37
SATURDAY | Ps. 23; Exodus 40:18-38; 1 Thess. 4:1-12; Matt. 5:38-48

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Holy Shepherd,
you know your sheep by name
and lead us to safety through the valleys of death.
Guide us by your voice,
that we may walk in certainty and security
to the joyous feast prepared in your house,
where we celebrate with you forever. Amen.



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