

ASK JESUS FOR A SECOND OPINION

There was a lady whom we only know as “the woman with an issue of blood,” which means she had a bleeding problem. For 12 years! Nobody knows what she looked like. We don’t even know her name, but that’s not important. She had a major problem, but was the issue of blood really the only issue in her life? If you stop and look at her, you are going to find out that many of the issues she had are also the issues we have.

1. She had a physical issue. For 12 years she was bleeding. I believe this woman was at a point where she was ready to give up. How would you feel after 12 years of bleeding?

2. She had a financial issue. She had spent all of her money on medical quacks.

3. She had a family and friends issue. A woman with a bleeding problem was considered unclean and had to separate herself from other people. For twelve years she was regarded as an outcast. She knew loneliness.

4. She also had a faith issue. Don’t you suppose that after 12 years her faith was very low? What would yours be like? Maybe you know the answer to that question.

What did she have to lose by approaching Jesus? Really, she had nothing to lose. She was prepared to put her life on the line. She knew if she could just touch Jesus that she could be healed. And she also knew that if she touched Him, her uncleanness would not make Him unclean.

During this whole time those we could call “Jesus’ groupies” were mobbing Him. They were in His face, asking questions, demanding answers and demanding attention. Someone was always pressing against Him. Someone was always touching Him. But Jesus knew the difference between the people who were just curious and those who sincerely needed Him. And He still does. It does not matter what issue you have. It is impossible for you to change Him by touching Him. Instead He will change you.

Jesus’ touch was all these people needed. The woman touched His garment. Spiritually Jesus touched all of those who witnessed what had happened. Still others happened to bump into Jesus because they were part of the crowd. And there were others who didn’t even know that Jesus was near. They didn’t know that the Son of God walked among them. There is a difference between being in the crowd and actually touching Jesus.

Will you let Jesus touch your life? Are you willing to reach out to touch Him? It takes just one touch, and your life will never be the same.

Roy Goodlet is a retired minister and a member of Murphy Church of Christ. Email him @ royfcc@yahoo.com.