

Weekly Devotional - Keep On Keeping On 11-18-20 Inspired by Min. Jimmie Lever's message

Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, came from behind and touched the border of HIS garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. And JESUS said, "Who touched ME?" When all denied it, Peter and those with HIM said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" But JESUS said, "Somebody touched ME, for I perceived power going out from ME." 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 8:43-48]

Then HE spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, saying: "There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear GOD nor regard man. Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, 'Get justice for me from my adversary.' And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, 'Though I do not fear GOD nor regard man, yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.'" [Luke 18:1-5]

The woman with the issue of blood had been to every doctor in town. She had spent all that she had to alleviate her disorder. Nothing had worked. But she heard that JESUS was coming. And because of her persistence in wanting to be made whole, she made her way to where JESUS was and touched the hem of JESUS' garment. With the touch of faith the woman was healed of a 12-year disorder.

The widow, in the parable JESUS told, would not give up her pursuit of justice until it was granted by an unrighteous judge. The judge granted her request because the widow did not give up. She kept on keeping on!

We are living amid a coronavirus that has claimed the lives of over 250,000 Americans. Unemployment is running rampant; there is racial unrest; and too much hatred and division in our country. We must continue to follow our LORD and Savior JESUS CHRIST despite

what is going on. HE will lead us safely through our turbulent seasons. We must keep on keeping on!

And let us not be weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. [Galatians 6:9]

When things go wrong as they sometimes will. When the road you're trudging seems all uphill; When the funds are low and the debts are high; and you want to smile, but you have to sigh; When care is pressing you down a bit, rest if you must, but don't you quit. Life is strange with its twists and turns; as every one of us sometimes learns; and many a failure comes about, when he might have won had he stuck it out; Don't give up though the pace seems slow; you may succeed with another blow; Success is failure turned inside out; the silver tint of the clouds of doubt; And you never can tell just how close you are; it may be near when it seems so far; So, stick to the fight when you're hardest hit; it's when things seem worst that you must not quit. (John Greenleaf Whittier)

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May we always have a mind through which CHRIST thinks; a heart through which CHRIST loves; a voice through which CHRIST speaks; a hand through which CHRIST helps; and be a vessel through which CHRIST lives!

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