

## Faith facing up to reality

### Luke 8:40-48

<sup>40</sup> Now when Jesus returned, a crowd welcomed Him, for they were all expecting Him. As Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed Him. <sup>43</sup> And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her. <sup>44</sup> She came up behind Him and touched the edge of His cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped.

<sup>45</sup> 'Who touched Me?' Jesus asked. When they all denied it, Peter said, 'Master, the people are crowding and pressing against You.'

<sup>46</sup> But Jesus said, 'Someone touched Me; I know that power has gone out from Me.'

<sup>47</sup> Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at His feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed. <sup>48</sup> Then He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace.'

- 1. Real faith is focused on . . . . . 40**  
'Where is your faith?' 8:25  
I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, **I live by faith in the Son of God**, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20
- 2. Real faith is expressed in . . . . . 44**  
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- 3. Real faith brings positive . . . . . 44**  
We are the fragrance of Christ. Among those who are being saved we are the most attractive aroma of Life. Among those who are perishing we are the stench of death dying and death. 2 Corinthians 2:15
- 4. Real faith uses Divine . . . . . 46**  
The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places... In Him we have obtained an inheritance... Ephesians 1:3,11
- 5. Real faith gives public . . . . . 47**  
You will receive capacity when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses. Acts 1:8
- 6. Real faith brings ongoing . . . . . 48**  
We have been born again into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power, are being guarded through faith. 1 Peter 1:3-5

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## My prayer priorities for the week starting 17 February 2019

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### This week's song selection

Praise Your name | Go forth in His name | This little light of mine | Believer indeed (item) | I love to tell the story | In His time (new) | Reach out to Jesus | As for me and my house

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### Starters for personal reflection &/or group discussion

1. What was the relationship between Jesus and the people in Luke 8:40? Why was it so? Is it possible to replicate that attitude today?
2. The woman touched Jesus in 8:44. List some ways in which it is possible for us to 'touch' Jesus today. Then read Hebrews 4:15-16. How does this text confirm your list?
3. Read Galatians 2:20. What is the driving principle for me to live a transformed life? Jesus was crucified 2,000 years ago, how can I possibly be crucified with Him?
4. What title is given to Jesus in Galatians 2:20, and is it significant in the context of this verse?
5. Read Ephesians 1:3. What resources – specific resources – have been provided for every believer? How can I access them?
6. Jesus demanded the woman come forward and make a public statement of her actions (Luke 8:45-48). Why be so cruel?

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