

MAY 1

“MOST OF THE TIME, YOU’RE GOING TO HAVE TO FIGHT CROWDS.”

READ

Luke 8:43-48

There are 10,000 obstructions that get between us and God: the “crowds” of people and pressure. The enemy has a way of making them sound louder than God and look bigger than Jesus. There will come a day when you realize it is now or never. That’s exactly where this woman in the crowd around Jesus found herself. She didn’t make a casual approach. She thought, “I’ve only got one shot at this. I’m not going to let anybody, anytime, for any reason, cheat me from at least trying to touch Him.” She elbowed her way through the doctors she owed; through the ones that couldn’t heal her; through neighbors and friends that had laughed at and forsaken her; through family members always fussing at her. For 12 years, she was considered unclean. She was so desperate that she was ready to defy the laws of Moses, the priests, and the Temple Guard. She was willing to look in the face of the public who would sneer at her, and say, “I don’t care what anybody else thinks.” We don’t have a record of anybody else getting healed that day. But a woman with intention and purpose wriggled her way through the crowd, touched Jesus, and God healed her.

PRAY

I’m desperate for You, Jesus. It’s now or never. Help me to push through the crowd and touch You.

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