



Grace That Reaches

Series: The Way of Jesus

Scripture: Matthew 9:18-22

When you're ready to _____ out, Jesus is ready to _____.

There was a sense of desperation for _____ and _____.

- Desperation is often where _____ begins.

There was an internal _____ that was _____ her next move. (v21)

- What we _____ set our _____ and minds on will eventually _____ how you _____.
- Philippians 4:8

It wasn't just her _____ that healed her, it was her _____ to the One who could.

- Faith isn't a vibe. It's a _____. Faith is an active _____ to God's grace as it _____ us.
- Jesus does more than _____ the body, He _____ the soul.
 - He restores her relationship and _____ as He names, identifies, and _____ what the world had forgotten and _____ off.

One Question to Carry This Week:

Where is Jesus inviting me to stop hiding and reach out to Him?

Start Talking.

- Have you ever experienced a simple touch—a hug, handshake, pat on the back, or high five—that meant more to you than the person probably realized?
- When you hear the phrase “When you’re ready to reach, Jesus is ready to respond,” what comes to mind?

Start Thinking:

- How do you think this woman’s physical suffering affected her emotionally, relationally, and spiritually?
- What do you learn about her faith from her decision to reach out and touch Jesus’ robe?
- Pastor Troy said, “Faith isn’t a vibe. It’s a verb.” What does active faith look like in everyday life?
- Why do you think Jesus stopped and publicly called her “daughter” rather than simply allowing her to leave healed?
- Pastor Troy emphasized that Jesus does more than heal the body—He restores the soul. What different kinds of restoration do you see in this story?

Start Sharing:

- Have you ever experienced a season when desperation caused you to reach toward God in a way you might not have otherwise?
- Where do you currently need to reach out to Jesus—for hope, healing, forgiveness, direction, peace, or something else?
- What can keep us from reaching toward Jesus when we need Him most—fear, shame, pride, disappointment, busyness, or something else?
- The woman moved from being an isolated outcast to being publicly identified as “daughter.” Have you ever struggled to see yourself the way God sees you? What makes that difficult?
- How can someone who has experienced God’s grace become a person through whom grace reaches others?

Start Praying:

- Pray for those who are carrying shame, isolation, or pain, asking Jesus to remind them that they are seen and loved.
- Ask God to give us the courage to reach out rather than hide when we need Him.
- Pray for opportunities to become people through whom God’s restoring grace reaches others.

Start Doing:

- **Make your move toward Jesus.** Identify one area where you need to reach out through prayer, confession, surrender, or asking for help—and take that step this week.
- When shame or discouragement speaks to you, intentionally replace it with a truth from Scripture about who you are in Christ.
- **Reach toward someone else.** This week, intentionally encourage, listen to, pray with, or help someone who may feel isolated or forgotten.