

Legendary Touch
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[Mat 9:20-22 NASB] 20 And a woman who had been suffering from a hemorrhage for twelve years, came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His cloak; **21** for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch His garment, I will get well." **22** But Jesus turning and seeing her said, "Daughter, take courage; your faith has made you well." At once the woman was made well.

[Mar 5:25-34 NASB] 25 A woman who had had a hemorrhage for twelve years, **26** and had endured much at the hands of many physicians, and had spent all that she had and was not helped at all, but rather had grown worse-- **27** after hearing about Jesus, she came up in the crowd behind Him and touched His cloak. **28** For she thought, "If I just touch His garments, I will get well." **29** Immediately the flow of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction. **30** Immediately Jesus, perceiving in Himself that the power proceeding from Him had gone forth, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My garments?" **31** And His disciples said to Him, "You see the crowd pressing in on You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" **32** And He looked around to see the woman who had done this. **33** But the woman fearing and trembling, aware of what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. **34** And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed of your affliction."

[Luk 8:43-48 NASB] 43 And a woman who had a hemorrhage for twelve years, and could not be healed by anyone, **44** came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His cloak, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped. **45** And Jesus said, "Who is the one who touched Me?" And while they were all denying it, Peter said, "Master, the people are crowding and pressing in on You." **46** But Jesus said, "Someone did touch Me, for I was aware that power had gone out of Me." **47** When the woman saw that she had not escaped notice, she came trembling and fell down before Him, and declared in the presence of all the people the reason why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. **48** And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace."

- This sick, anonymous woman must have been emaciated after a hemorrhage lasting for twelve years, which rendered her legally unclean. She could not throw herself, therefore, at the feet of Christ and state her complaint. Her modesty, humility, uncleanness and pressure of the crowd made close contact well-nigh impossible, hence her eagerness to touch in some unnoticed way the hem of His garment.
- Who was this woman of faith? The primitive church, feeling she was entitled to a name, called her Veronica, who lived in Caesarea Philippi, but in the gospels, she is enrolled in the list of anonymous female divines. (Source: ALL THE WOMEN OF THE BIBLE – WOMAN WITH ISSUE OF BLOOD)
- Her name might not be mentioned, but her legendary touch faith was in (3) of the Gospels.

What does a “legendary touch” for wholeness look like?

Here are seven attributes of a “legendary touch” that we can incorporate into our lives as we seek healing.

- I. Legendary touch starts with a destitute condition.**
 - a. 12 years issue of blood
 - b. Spent all she had, suffered at the hands of many physicians – worse!
- II. Legendary touch receives a glorious report**
 - a. Mark 5:27 – she heard about Jesus.

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- b. Somebody told her about Jesus.
- c. She believed what she was told about Jesus.

III. Legendary touch makes a marvelous confession.

- a. Matthew 9:21 – she was saying to herself.
- b. Mark 5:28 – for she thought.

IV. Legendary touch takes courageous action.

- a. Matthew 9:20 – came up behind Him and touched the fringe of cloak.
- b. Mark 5:27 - she came up into the crowd behind Him and touched His cloak.
- c. Luke 8:44 - came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His cloak.

V. Legendary touch experiences an immediate response.

- a. A divine reaction.
 - i. Mark 5:30 Immediately Jesus, perceiving in Himself that the power proceeding from Him had gone forth, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My garments?" 31 And His disciples said to Him, "You see the crowd pressing in on You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'"
 - ii. Luke 8:45 And Jesus said, "Who is the one who touched Me?" And while they were all denying it, Peter said, "Master, the people are crowding and pressing in on You." 46 But Jesus said, "Someone did touch Me, for I was aware that power had gone out of Me."
- b. A earthly result.
 - i. Mark 5:29 Immediately the flow of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction.
 - ii. Luke 8:44 - and immediately, her hemorrhage stopped.

VI. Legendary touch is given favorable recognition.

- a. Matthew 9:22 But Jesus turning and seeing her said, "Daughter, take courage;
- b. Mark 5:32 And He looked around to see the woman who had done this. 33 But the woman fearing and trembling, aware of what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. 34 And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed of your affliction."
- c. Luke 8: 47 When the woman saw that she had not escaped notice, she came trembling and fell down before Him, and declared in the presence of all the people the reason why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. 48 And He said to her, "Daughter

VII. Legendary touch has an eternal truth.

- a. Matthew 9:22 - your faith has made you well."
 - b. Mark 5:34 And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed of your affliction."
 - c. Luke 8:48 And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace."
- About AD320, Eusebius, Bishop of Caesarea and a dependable historian, records that when he visited Caesarea Philippi, he heard that the woman healed of her issue of blood out of gratitude for her cure had erected two brazen figures at the gate of her house, one representing a woman bending on her knee in supplication—the other, fashioned in the likeness of Jesus, holding out His hand to help her. The figure had a double cloak of brass. Eusebius adds this explicit statement as to these figures, "They were in existence even in our day, and we saw them with our own eyes when we stayed in the city."