

# FACILITATOR'S GUIDE OCTOBER 2013

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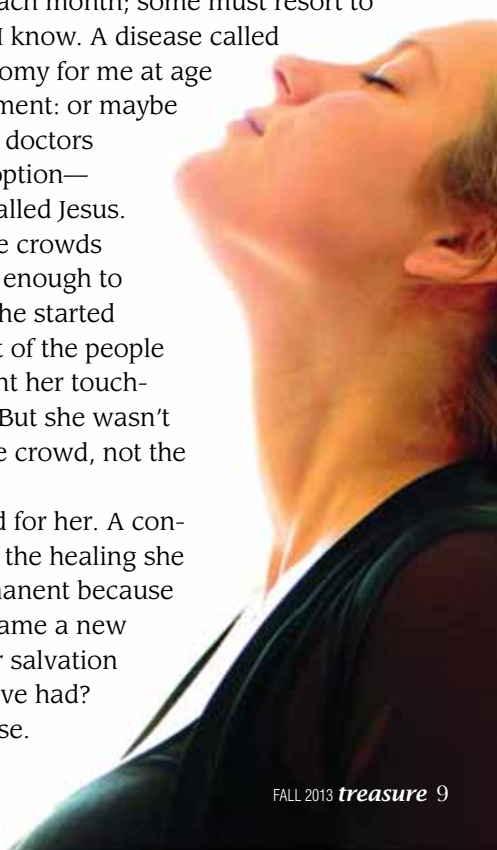
## **BEGINNING THOUGHTS...**

The issue of blood is a delicate topic seldom preached. Sermons from Luke 8 usually focus on Legion or Jairus. Men cannot fully understand the pain, the stigma or the effects this disease can inflict on a woman. Dare I mention it? What if a husband, deacon, or pastor decides to read this month's guide! Did your husband, dad, or brother ever have to make an emergency drugstore run for you, or worse yet, come to school to bring protection? Embarrassing! Yet, we have to face facts. Women usually go through this type thing once a month. This poor woman in our study had been bleeding (non-stop) for twelve years. Imagine how horrible that must have been for her.

Many women do have problems each month; some must resort to medications or surgery to find relief. I know. A disease called endometriosis resulted in a hysterectomy for me at age 37. Maybe that was this woman's ailment: or maybe it was something worse. In any case, doctors couldn't help her. She had only one option—meet the healer, the man everyone called Jesus.

Suddenly He was in her village, the crowds were everywhere, and she was close enough to hear Him. Then she could see Him. She started trying to get through the crowd. Most of the people didn't want her near them, didn't want her touching them. she was after all, unclean. But she wasn't going to let anything stop her, not the crowd, not the fear, or her pride. She reached out...

In that instant, everything changed for her. A conversation with Jesus assured her that the healing she felt when she touched Him was permanent because of her faith. At that moment, she became a new person. Does that remind you of your salvation experience or a physical healing you've had? What a moment of rejoicing and praise.





## *My Name is Complete*

### THE SETTING

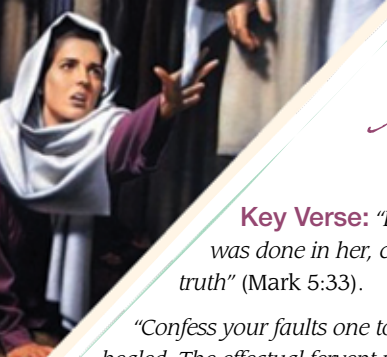
**Key Verses:** “And it came to pass, that, when Jesus was returned, the people gladly received him: for they were all waiting for him” (Luke 8:40).

“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need” (Hebrews 4:16).

**Key Thought:** Desperate situations demand desperate measures; Christ offers us wholeness and healing when we boldly approach Him with our needs.

- ✦ Go over the questions and answers on p. 25 in *Treasure*.
- ✦ Are you a patient person?
- ✦ What increases patience according to James 1:3? (*Tying of our faith.*)
- ✦ Are we to desire patience? (*Hebrews 10:36; Luke 8:15; 1 Timothy 6:11; James 5:7,8*)
- ✦ Do you think Jesus had to exercise patience in dealing with the crowds following Him? (*Luke 8:42; Revelation 1:9*)
- ✦ Why did the crowds reject and send Jesus away in Luke 8:37? (*They feared His power—Matthew 8:32-34; Mark 5:17.*)
- ✦ Was this the only setting where Jesus was rejected? (*No—John 1:11; Luke 4:28,29; Luke 23:18*)
- ✦ Did their rejection surprise Jesus? Read Luke 17:25. What did He tell His disciples?
- ✦ Had the characters in Luke 8 been rejected? (*Legion lived in the tombs—Luke 8:27; And the woman was unclean—Leviticus 15:25.*)
- ✦ With the large crowds pressing in, how did Jesus possibly feel the woman touch His garment? (*He felt some of His power [virtue] leave Him—Luke 6:19, 8:46. It cost Jesus part of Himself every time He healed someone.*)
- ✦ Have you ever asked your pastor how he feels after he’s preached a sermon? (Most of the time, preachers are really tired and weak after preaching, especially if they’ve put their heart and soul into it. Ask one or observe.)
- ✦ How did Jesus react when He knew someone had touched His clothes? (*He immediately asked, “Who touched my clothes?”—Mark 5:30*)
- ✦ Why didn’t the woman just fade back into the crowd without answering? What did she do? (*She told Jesus everything, confessing her personal problems to Jesus and others close enough to hear—Luke 8:47*)
- ✦ Do you let the crowds interfere with you getting close to Jesus?

**Reflection:** Dismiss in prayer by thanking God for His compassion and healing power.



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### THE RESPONSE

**Key Verse:** *"But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth" (Mark 5:33).*

*"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16).*

**Key Thought:** Confession is a vital part of healing.

- ✦ Write the Key verses in your journal. Memorize James 5:16.
- ✦ Go over the questions and answers together on p. 27 in *Treasure*.
- ✦ Have you ever been so sick, injured, or incapacitated that you thought dying would be better than living? Share for a few minutes.
- ✦ What took place for you to be able to be here today?
- ✦ This woman, with an issue of blood for twelve years was: (1) desperate—Mark 5:25; (2) destitute—Mark 5:26; (3) determined—Mark 5:27-29; and dedicated—Mark 5:34.
- ✦ All the crowd was touching Jesus, why did He stop for this particular woman? (*God knew her heart. He felt her touch of faith.*)
- ✦ Remember the disciples were with Jesus—Mark 5:31. What does Jesus tell them later in John 14:10? (*It's His Father who does the works.*)
- ✦ What is your response to God's healing in your life? (*Praise and thanks?*)
- ✦ What is your response if you haven't received healing? (*Complaints and depression?*)
- ✦ Should we be like Paul and claim 2 Corinthians 12:9-10?
- ✦ How can people be strong when they are weak? (*They recognize God's power as the same no matter what; they know the devil is being defeated when they stand on God's Word; they realize this is where God can work best in their life.*)
- ✦ Will the battles ever end in our lifetime? (*No, there will always be battles of one kind or another.*)
- ✦ How should we view these battles? (*As opportunities to stay strong, to fight, to be courageous and to win.*)
- ✦ Did the woman ever give up in her twelve year battle?
- ✦ Let the words of "He Touched Me" sink into your soul (*REJOICE*, p. 288).

**Reflection:** Dismiss in prayer. Thank God for touching you and making you whole.



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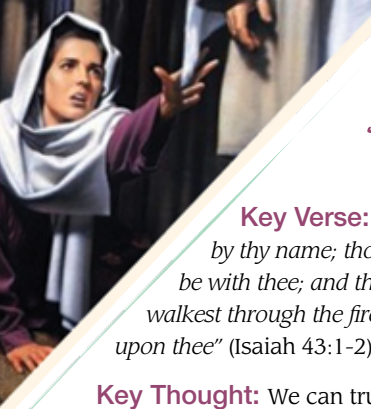
### THE WORD

**Key Verse:** “And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace” (Luke 8:48).

**Key Thought:** Healing comes through faith in believing the Word of God.

- ✦ Write the key verse in your journal.
- ✦ Go over the questions and answers on p. 29 in *Treasure*.
- ✦ Why did Jesus always speak with such authority? (*Because He was the Word—John 1:1, 14.*)
- ✦ Do you treat your Bible as the Word of God?
- ✦ What are some other terms by which the Bible is referred? (*The Scriptures, The Law, Book of the Ages, The Holy Book*)
- ✦ How long will God’s Word endure? (*Forever—Psalm 119:89; Isaiah 40:8; Matthew 24:35; 1 Peter 1:25.*)
- ✦ How should we view or receive the Word of God? (*As food for the soul—1 Peter 2:2; As divinely inspired—2 Peter 1:21; As precepts written in the heart—Psalm 119:11; As light—Psalm 119:105; As loved by the Saints—Psalm 119:140; As mighty in influence—Romans 1:16.*)
- ✦ Did the woman with the issue of blood know all of this about Jesus? (*We’re not told. But I’m sure she had been taught the Scriptures from childhood, as most Jewish children were, and had heard of this man preaching and healing, wondering if He might be the Messiah.*)
- ✦ Should this woman have stayed away from the crowd of people and Jesus because of the Jewish Law? (*Leviticus 15:19*)
- ✦ Do you believe that our trials, illnesses, or infirmities can teach us valuable lessons about our faith? (*Psalm 119:71; Romans 5:3*)
- ✦ How did this woman leave Jesus that day? (*Complete—With His blessings, His healing and His peace.*)
- ✦ Isn’t that what we need every day, to feel complete?
- ✦ Jesus didn’t call this woman by her name, but we can be assured He knew it. Instead, He called her something more precious: “Daughter.” Does He call you, “Daughter”? (*2 Corinthians 6:18*)

**Reflection:** Dismiss in prayer. Praise God for Who He is and for His written Word.



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### THE PLAN

**Key Verse:** "...Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee" (Isaiah 43:1-2).

**Key Thought:** We can trust God's sovereign plan for healing in our lives.

✚ Write the key verse in your journal. ✚ Go over the questions/answers on p. 31, *Treasure*.

✚ Label a journal page, GOD IS: List as many of His attributes (traits) as you can. (*Omnipotent, Omnipresent, Omniscient, Faithful, Compassionate, Merciful, Slow to Anger, Patient, Holy, Righteous, Infinite, Longsuffering, Loving, Wise.*)

✚ Which of these did God show in dealing with the woman of our study?

✚ After her healing, what do you think became of this woman? (*Maybe she became a wife, a mother, got a job, ministered to others, or became a disciple.*)

✚ Whatever she did, could she be known with the same nickname, "the woman with the issue of blood?" (*No, she could be called her given name, or as "the woman Jesus healed."*)

✚ Read Luke 1:37 and Matthew 19:26. Do you believe this?

✚ Was Jesus obligated to heal this woman? (*No, it is God's decision to heal or not to heal—Isaiah 55:8-9. God's ways are not our ways.*)

✚ What can we learn from this diseased lady? (*Jesus honors faith—Hebrews 11:26; Jesus is approachable in every circumstance—Hebrews 4:14-16; Jesus allows certain circumstances to enter our lives—Daniel 3:17; John 11:43-45; Jesus has compassion on those in need who reach out to Him—Matthew 20:30-34.*)

✚ How do you think this woman acted after Jesus healed her (besides her confession to Him)? (*I think she may have had a hallelujah party. Now she could do all the things that before she could only imagine.*) Have you ever been in a testimony service where people are excited over what God has done for them? (*I just love hearing their praises!*)

✚ Write the names of God from this study in your journal: *El Rachum*-God of Compassion; *El Emut*-God of Truth; *Logos*-Eternal Word; *Immanuel*-God with us.

✚ Why is touching "Jesus' garment" essential to our salvation? (*Faith—Romans 10:9; It's possible for all men—2 Peter 3:9; Obedient—Hebrews 5:9; No condemnation—John 3:18.*) Have you touched the hem of Jesus' garment? Whether you need healing or salvation, He's always available.

**Reflection:** Dismiss in prayer. Ask God to be with you in all things..

### ***FINAL THOUGHTS...***

Think of all the people in the crowd following Jesus at this time. They saw Him heal Legion; they heard a father's passionate plea to save his daughter. They saw an unclean woman dare to touch Him; they watched as Jesus healed her. And they saw Jarius' reaction to the news his daughter was dead. These people were probably overwhelmed with the events of that day. The question is, were they changed after experiencing all of this? I can only think that surely they must have been. Any of these events would have been enough for me. What an amazing Savior we have. I'm so thankful to know the Word and to realize He knows my name; but most of all, I'm very grateful that He calls me "daughter."