

Tenacious Faith

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¹A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home.

²So many gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them.

³Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them. ⁴Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on.

⁵When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

⁶Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves,

⁷"Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

⁸Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things? ⁹Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'?

¹⁰But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" He said to the paralytic,

¹¹"I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home."

¹²He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

Mk 5:26-34

²⁵And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years.

²⁶She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse.

²⁷When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak,

²⁸because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed."

²⁹Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

³⁰At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

³¹"You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?' "

³²But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it.

³³Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth.

³⁴He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

Tenacious:

1. holding fast; characterized by keeping a firm hold (often followed by of):
2. highly retentive:
3. pertinacious, persistent, stubborn, or obstinate.
4. adhesive or sticky;
5. holding together; cohesive; not easily pulled asunder; tough.

Mt. 6:33 - But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Mk. 10:46-52

46. Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (that is, the Son of Timaeus), was sitting by the roadside begging.

47. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

48. Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

49. Jesus stopped (KJV-And Jesus stood still) and said, "Call him." So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you."

50. Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

51. "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see."

52. "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.