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## *Come To The Table* *Day 1: Verse 1*

We all start on the outside  
The outside looking in  
This is where grace begins  
We were hungry we were thirsty  
With nothing left to give  
Oh the shape that we were in  
And just when all hope seemed lost  
Love opened the door for us

### *Scripture Reference*

But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

– *Mark 5: 32-34*



As we begin our week, we start in Mark 5. This chapter alone describes three different miraculous healings Jesus performed. Read Mark 5 to fully grasp the amazing healing power our Father has. We settle in today on the story of the woman healed simply by touching Jesus. She suffered from ongoing bleeding. As customary in that time, she was likely shunned because of this condition. She was on the outside of the world, looking in on the normal lives of everyone else as our song puts it.

*Can you imagine being shunned by everyone in society? Maybe you've experienced this on a smaller scale or maybe you feel completely shunned now. Talk through these experiences with your Heavenly Father. As we'll see, He offers us freedom from being the outcast. But, even more importantly, He can meet you where you are now. He longs to bring comfort in those memories or in your current experiences. This is where grace begins.*

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The full passage tells us the woman has suffered for twelve years. She had suffered both physically and financially. She spent all she had on medical care and hopeful cures, and her disease had only grown worse. Oh, the shape she was in. She had nothing left to give. Her hope was dwindling...it was almost lost.

*Oh beloved, where are you at today? Are you in the midst of a trial that feels hopeless? Did you just finish a season of hopelessness? Or are you maybe about to be guided through a season of trial? Is it financial, physical, spiritual, or perhaps all three? No matter where you are, pray out to God and ask for His provision, His comfort, His protection. You are His beloved. When all hope may seem lost, we can cry out to God - in love, He will open a door for us.*

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Upon touching Jesus, the woman was immediately healed. We're told immediately the bleeding stopped, and she felt she was freed from her suffering. Just when all hope seemed lost, love opened the door...Jesus freed her. Maybe even more amazing, we're told Jesus immediately knew power had left Him. He knew He had "opened a door", that He had healed her. Jesus can and does save us. But He also knows us. He saves us in relationship with us. Isn't that an amazing connection?

*What does it mean to you that Jesus saved you? What does it mean to you that Jesus knows you? How are those two different in your opinion? Do you experience one deeper, or more tangibly, than the other? Speak with your Heavenly Father today about how Jesus saved you and knows you. Ask Him to shed light into your areas of struggle in understanding either or both of these concepts.*

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Our passage ends today with two profound statements. First, Jesus calls the woman "daughter". Isn't that such an affectionate term, one of love and concern for the individual? He could have called her "woman", but instead He showed His love by calling her a term of endearment. Not only that, He showed she was a part of His family through His choice of words. He took an outcast and made her part of His family. Second, Jesus told her to go in peace and freedom. He invited her to His table, His family, and He freed her. Oh beloved, don't miss the amazing love of that.

*Jesus offers us the same invitation. He invites us to come to His table and grow in relationship with Him. Out of that relationship, He frees us, giving us peace, and He opens doors that only He can open. Have you accepted that invitation? If not, end today accepting that invitation in prayer with your Heavenly Father. If you have, end today recommitting yourself to that invitation in prayer with your Heavenly Father. Thank Him for inviting you to His family.*

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