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SERMON SERIES: SHIFT – A New Season of Divine Favor

SERMON TITLE: You About to Catch These Hands

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INTRODUCTION, BACKGROUND, AND SCRIPTURE

Luke 8:43–48 (NIV)43 And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her. 44 She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped. 45 "Who touched me?" Jesus asked. When they all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you." 46 But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me." 47 Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed. 48 Then he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace.

SERMON POINTS

1. Shift in Culture

• The woman's act broke social and religious norms.

• Faith will move you beyond what's comfortable or accepted.

Scripture Support:

"And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her. She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak..." (vv. 43–44)

She was considered "unclean" and was not supposed to be in the crowd or touch anyone, let alone a rabbi. Her faith pushed her beyond cultural restrictions to reach Jesus.

2. Shift in Community

- Her healing was public—everyone saw her step forward and testify.
- Your testimony can inspire faith and hope in others.

Scripture Support:

"Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed." (v. 47)

Her breakthrough became a testimony for the whole community, shifting the atmosphere from skepticism to faith and wonder.

3. Shift in our Connection with Christ

• The woman's touch was different—full of faith and desperation.

• When you reach out in faith, you experience a deeper, transformative encounter with Jesus.

Scripture Support:

"But Jesus said, 'Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me.'" (v. 46)

"Then he said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace." (v. 48)

In a crowd, her faith-filled touch drew a personal response from Jesus. He stopped, looked for her, and called her "Daughter"—affirming a new, intimate connection and blessing her with peace.

BEYOND THE MESSAGE: APPLICATION

1. Shift in Culture

(Luke 8:43–44)

- Break barriers with bold faith: Like the woman, don't let society's labels or your past struggles keep you from reaching out to Jesus. Faith means moving beyond comfort zones and cultural expectations.
- Refuse to let shame silence you: Her condition was considered shameful, but she pressed through the crowd anyway. Don't let shame or fear of judgment stop you from seeking God's touch.
- Let desperation fuel determination: After twelve years of disappointment, she didn't give up. When you're desperate for change, let it push you closer to Jesus—not further away.

2. Shift in Community

(Luke 8:47)

Your testimony has power: When the woman shared her story "in the presence of all the people," it inspired faith. Don't hide what God has done for you—your breakthrough could be someone else's encouragement.

- Healing impacts more than just you: Her public healing shifted the faith of the whole crowd. When God blesses you, it's often so others can see His glory and be drawn to Him.
- **Be willing to step forward:** She came forward trembling, but she didn't stay silent. Sometimes, God calls us to publicly acknowledge what He's done, even if it feels uncomfortable.

3. Shift in our Connection with Christ (Luke 8:46, 48)

- Make your faith personal, not passive: Many touched Jesus in the crowd, but only her touch drew power. Don't settle for proximity—reach out with intentional, faith-filled expectation.
- Jesus sees and responds to you: He stopped everything to find her and called her "Daughter." Know that your faith gets His attention, no matter how many others are around.
- Receive the fullness of His peace: Jesus didn't just heal her body—He restored her identity and sent her away in peace. Expect more than just a miracle; expect a deeper relationship and lasting wholeness.

Beyond the Message: Reflection

- What cultural barriers do you need to press through to experience your breakthrough?
- Who in your community needs to hear your story of God's faithfulness and healing?
- How can you make your connection with Christ more personal and powerful this week?
- Are you willing to reach out in faith, even if it means standing out from the crowd?
- Where do you need to move from passive presence to active pursuit of Jesus' power and peace?

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note: There are multiple ways to sign up for an event. You can scan the QR code, visit our website, or sign the signup sheet in the foyer under the event registration section.

Nov. 23rd- Water Baptism.Scan QR Code and Sign up today.



Nov. 25th at 6:30 pm- Night of Giving Thanks

Dec. 6^{t-} Financial Planning with J.R. Scott at 9 am-12 pm. Scan QR and sign up today.



Dec. 7th at 11 am Service- Baby Dedication Scan QR Code to Sign up today



Dec. 14th- Christmas Cantata during the 9 am and 11 am service.

Registration for the Jamaica Mission Trip is currently open. For more information, contact Missionary Director, Dr. Samuel King.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

Sunday School

- Every Sunday at 10:10 am-10:55 am.
- Scan QR Code to Sign Up & receive a digital copy of the Sunday School Book.



Men's Ministry Meeting.

- Every 3rd Saturday, 8:30 AM.
- At Agape Worship Center International
- All men are invited.
- More information: Contact Deacons Teddy Spence or Eureka Washington.

Breakfast For Champions: Weekday Devotion & Prayer

- Monday-Friday at 7 am
- Call In: 717-908-1690 Access Code: 577625

Intercessory Prayer

• Every 1st, 2nd, and 4th Monday at 6:30pm-7:30pm

Virtual Midday Bible Study - Starting Back August 14th, 2025

- Every Thursday at noon
- Call In: (470)869-2200 (US East)
- Meeting ID: 393-678-9202
- Virtual:meetings.ringcentral.com/j/3936789202

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