



## **A Heroic Woman: Leader Tips**

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### **Connect to Others**

1. Describe a time that Jesus touched you in a moment of desperation.
2. Describe one thing you learned from the heroic example of your mom.

### **Commit to Growth**

Read Mark 5:21-42

1. What does Jairus's request of Jesus (5:23) tell us about the strength of his faith? Why?

*Aware of Jesus' healing power, Jairus approached Jesus in faith. However, he falsely believed that Jesus had to actually touch his daughter before she would be healed.*

2. Compare the faith of the woman (5:28) with that of Jairus. Do you think her faith was greater than his? Why or why not?

*Think about this: The woman's affliction was social as well as physical, as according to the Old Testament laws, both her and anyone that touching her were considered unclean. Yet, Jesus heals and comforts her.*

3. What obstacles did Jairus and the woman have to overcome to reach out to Jesus for help? From this example,

how can you and I have faith that pleases God?

*Crowding; the pain of leaving a sick daughter; overcoming a physical ailment, as well as public embarrassment and shame.*

4. Why do you think the woman was afraid to admit that she had touched Jesus (5:33)? Have you ever been afraid of God? How can Jesus' words (5:34) help you overcome your fear?

*She feared condemnation for breaking the law as a ceremonially unclean woman. However, instead of condemnation, Jesus asks, "Who touched my clothes", so as to correct any mistaken notion she may have had about her healing.*

5. The woman in this story spent all her resources to find a solution to her suffering. How likely are you to try every other option before you take your problem to God?

*Be honest with the group, so they will feel the freedom to be honest with you.*

6. Aside from Jesus, what is your "go to" source for help in life? What have been some of your default sources for help when you haven't looked to Jesus for solutions and help?

*Perhaps it's a friend, a counselor, a parent, a book or a Google search. Discuss how these things fall short from seeking Jesus as the source of all things.*

7. What do you need Jesus to heal you from today?