

Bringing it Home

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In today's Bible story, Jesus healed a woman who had been bent over and in pain for a long time.

She didn't ask to be healed. Jesus looked at her, and knew what she needed, and healed her.

I've been wondering. If Jesus looked at me, what would he heal? Maybe he'd heal something I didn't know was wrong with me. Maybe he'd heal something about me that I didn't care about, like wearing glasses. Or maybe he'd see something I didn't know needed healing at all.

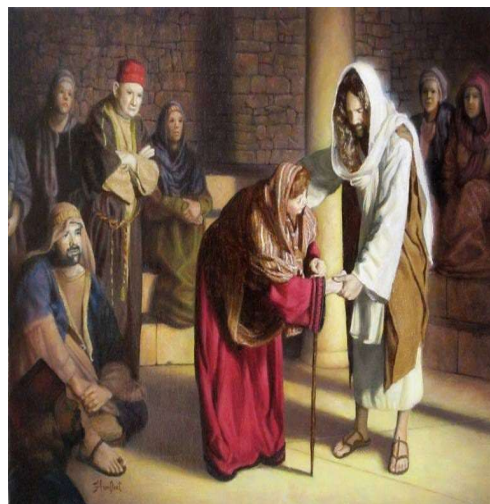
Suppose Jesus came up to you or to me and said, "I know exactly what you need. I know your body and I know your heart. Do you trust me enough to let me heal you, in every way you need?"

Wow! That's a big ask! I think that would take a lot of trust.

It's like this. Suppose I have a beautiful garden. A friend offers to weed my garden for me. That's great, right? But my friend knows that some of my favorite, most beautiful flowers are actually weeds that are going to take over the garden. Do I trust my friend enough to let my friend pull them out?

Part of being a Christian and following Jesus is learning to trust Jesus more and more. Sometimes it is hard. That's okay. We have our folks and our church family and the Holy Spirit to help us.

Let's pray. Dear Jesus, thank you for healing the bent-over lady in today's Bible story. Help us to trust and follow you every day. Amen.



Luke 13:10-17

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said,

"You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Jesus heals the woman with a bent back. Artist: J.S. Humfleet