

# *The Bleeding Woman*

## **Henna Design Title: The Woman who was Freed from her Shame**

Based on Mark 5:24b-34 (Matthew 9:20-22, Luke 8:42b-48)

I would like to tell you a true story from the Bible about Jesus. In those days, Jesus' reputation was spreading because he was doing many miracles. In one town, there was a sick woman who was bleeding. This meant she was considered unclean.

One day Jesus and his students were walking on a road. There was a big crowd following right behind him. They were pressing in all around him.

There was a woman there who had been bleeding for twelve years. She had suffered greatly under many doctors. She had spent all of her money for treatment, but she had not been able to find a cure. Not a single doctor had been able to heal her. Instead of getting better, she had gotten worse.

The woman had heard about Jesus. She said to herself, "If I just touch his clothing, I will be healed." For this reason, she came up behind him in the crowd. She touched the hem of Jesus' clothes. The woman's bleeding stopped immediately. The woman felt deep inside her body that she had been freed from her suffering and shame.

At the same moment, Jesus immediately realized that power had flowed out from himself. He turned around and asked the crowd, "Who touched my clothes?" His students said to him, "Look around! The crowd is pressing you from every side. How can you ask, 'Who touched me'?" But Jesus continued to look around in order to see who had touched him.

The woman knew she couldn't hide what she had done. She came out in the open and bowed at Jesus' feet. Although afraid and trembling, she explained the truth to Jesus in front of all the people. The woman explained why she had touched Jesus and how she had been healed. Jesus said to her, "Take heart, my daughter. Your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

That is a true story from the Bible.



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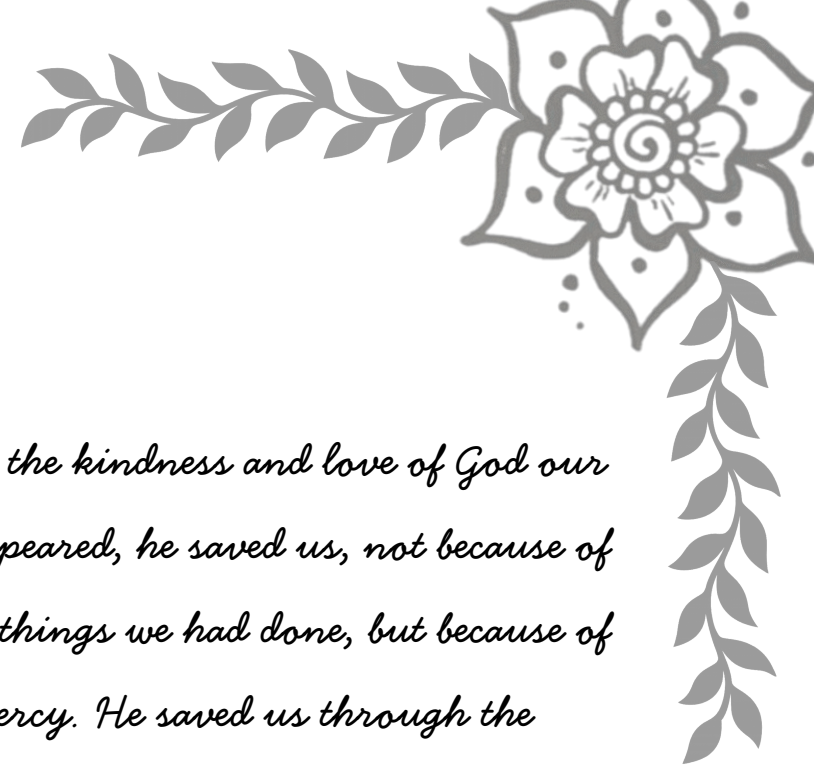
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## Discussion Questions

- From the story, what can we learn about Jesus? *[Possible responses: Jesus gently said, "My daughter." Jesus was compassionate and merciful. He took away the woman's shame of being unclean and gave her honor instead.]*
- A power flowed from Jesus. Where did that power come from? *[Believer can share, "That power came from God. According to the Bible, God's Word came to earth and became a person. That person was Jesus."]*
- In your opinion, for a person to be clean inwardly, what should she do? *[Believer can share, "According to the Bible, there is a way to be clean in the presence of God. Do you want to hear about that way?" If the person agrees, read Titus 3:4-7 together.]*

*But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.*

**Titus 3:4-7 (NIV)**



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