# "A TOUCH OF FAITH"

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## Synopsis:

This Readers Theatre script parallels the lives of two women; the biblical woman who suffered with bleeding for 12 years; and the modern day woman who is suffering with breast cancer. They recount their struggle to deal with their condition and reflect on how they came to a decision to put their faith in Jesus for their healing. This is a great script to perform in celebration of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

## Scripture:

Mark 5:21-34

# Ministry Lesson

Faith is the key which unlocks the power of God. It was by faith that the woman with a bleeding disorder was healed. It was by faith that the daughter of the Roman Centurion was healed. It's by faith that we are saved. Today, we don't need to touch a person, a garment, or any other physical object. We just need a touch of faith to unleash the power of God.

# Ministry Theme:

Life Challenges

# Cast/Readers:

Biblical Woman - Young Adult Female Cancer Patient - Older Adult Female

#### Prop

Two 3-ring notebooks (black)

#### Costumes:

Biblical Woman - dressed in biblical attire, including a head wrap

Cancer Patient - dressed in normal attire. A head-scarf should be worn

if the cast member has hair. If the cast member is

truly a cancer patient who has lost her hair, then her

head should be uncovered (bald).

Time: 4 min.

**Director's Note:** Like all Readers Theater presentations, each line must to spoken with feeling and vocal expression. This is a very dramatic and emotional presentation. The audience must feel the anguish, the sense of hopelessness, and the desperation which leads the women to turn to Jesus.

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Biblical Woman: It's been 12 years and I'm still suffering.

Cancer Patient: I still remember the day the doctor said those

dreadful words to me.

Biblical Woman: Suffering because my body is bleeding.

Cancer Patient: He said, "You have breast cancer".

Biblical Woman: Why is my body not healing itself?

Cancer Patient: Why is my body susceptible to this disease?

Together: Did I do something wrong?

Biblical Woman: I go to the temple on the Sabbath.

Cancer Patient: I attend church every Sunday.

Biblical Woman: I offered sacrifices.

Cancer Patient: I paid my tithes.

Biblical Woman: Why have you turned your back on your servant?

Cancer Patient: You said you would never leave nor forsake me.

Biblical Woman: This is not of my doing.

Cancer Patient: I have done nothing wrong to deserve this.

Biblical Woman: But yet, here I am. I'm all alone and I don't know

what to do.

Cancer Patient: I know that others have gone through this, but that

doesn't make it easier for me.

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Biblical Woman: My friends don't come around. I see them looking at

me with eyes of pity.

Cancer Patient: Many of my friends don't know what to say, so they

don't speak...they don't even call me.

Biblical Woman: I am considered un-clean based on Jewish law.

Cancer Patient: My baldness makes some people uncomfortable.

Biblical Woman: When I leave my home, I hide my face in fear that

someone will recognize me.

Cancer Patient: When I leave my home, I wear a wig or scarf, although

I really don't have too.

Biblical Woman: Since I am un-clean I cannot return to the temple to

worship my God.

Cancer Patient: I still go to church, but sometimes I don't feel like

worshipping God.

Biblical Woman: I've been to every doctor in Capernaum and no one is

able to heal me.

Cancer Patient: This is now my third re-occurrence of this disease.

Why are the doctors unable to keep me in remission?

Together: (In despair) I just don't know what else to do!

(They recover)

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- End of Preview -

The women come to the conclusion that the only one who can help them is Jesus. All they need is a touch of faith in the Master.

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