

**Life Happens
Healing Happens
Mark 5:24-34**

Introduction: A Painful Experience

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. (Romans 8:28)

Two Categories: Savers & Throwers

Note: Israel came to believe God is a saver.

You have seen what I did to the Egyptians. You know how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. (Exodus 19:4 NLT)

Sheltered By His Wings

He will cover you with his feathers. He will shelter you with his wings. His faithful promises are your armor and protection. (Psalm 91:4 NLT)

Note: Wing = Kanaph (Hebrew) is also used of the corner of a rabbi's prayer shawl

The Lord of Heaven's Armies says, "The day of judgment is coming, burning like a furnace. On that day the arrogant and the wicked will be burned up like straw. They will be consumed—roots, branches, and all. But for you who fear my name, the Sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in his wings. And you will go free, leaping with joy like calves let out to pasture. (Malachi 4:1-2 NLT)

A Woman Who Gets It

A woman in the crowd had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding. She had suffered a great deal from many doctors, and over the years she had spent everything she had to pay them, but she had gotten no better. In fact, she had gotten worse. (Mark 5:25-26 NLT)

Note: The Stigma of Being Unclean

She had heard about Jesus, so she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his robe. For she thought to herself, "If I can just touch his robe, I will be healed." (Mark 5:27-28)

Question: Why would she think this could help?

Immediately the bleeding stopped, and she could feel in her body that she had been healed of her terrible condition. (Mark 5:29 NLT)

Note: She isn't ready for what comes next!

Jesus realized at once that healing power had gone out from him, so he turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my robe?" His disciples said to him, "Look at this crowd pressing around you. How can you ask, 'Who touched me?'" But he kept on looking around to see who had done it. Then the frightened woman, trembling at the realization of what had happened to her came and fell to her knees in front of him and told him what she had done. (Mark 5:30-33 NLT)

Note: She tells Jesus the whole truth (NIV)

"Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace. Your suffering is over." (Luke 5:34)

The Man Who Has Been Waiting

Jairus: A wealthy ruler of the synagogue whose daughter is dying

Note: The differences between Jairus and the woman are striking

- Jairus is a "Somebody"
- The woman is a "Nobody"

Note: With Jesus, nobodies become somebodies!

Kings and Healing

"For it is said in old lore, 'The hands of the kings are the hands of a healer, and so shall the rightful king be known.'" (Tolkien)

Our Reality: Life happens and healing is sometimes needed.

Jehovah Rapha—The God Who Heals

The Jehovah Rapha Prayer: Father, thank you for being Jehovah Rapha. You are the God who heals me. I thank you for your healing power in my life now and for eternity. May no area of my life be kept from your healing touch. Amen.

Question: Where do you need healing?