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Luke 8:45 And Jesus said, “Who was it that touched me?” When all denied it, Peter said, “Master, the crowds surround you and are pressing in on you!” [46] But Jesus said, “Someone touched me, for I perceive that power has gone out from me.” [47] And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. [48] And he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.”

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Luke 8:49 While he was still speaking, someone from the ruler’s house came and said, “Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more.” [50] But Jesus on hearing this answered him, “Do not fear; only believe, and she will be well.”

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### Woman:

- a) *She is a woman in Palestine – she is already below the social water mark*
  - b) *She is sick – & even though she can get around, this was socially devastating*
  - c) *Rendered her unclean by Mosaic law & thus isolated from her community*
  - d) *She may have been a woman of means at one time...Now she is BROKE*
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**Her PAIN outweighs her FEAR**

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Luke 8:47a And when the woman saw that she was not hidden (escaped notice), she came trembling (terrified), and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him,

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#### But we MUST LEAN IN:

- *We must be like Jairus & come forward & assume He can do the impossible...heal us...even when the delay happens & He seems silent He is presently aware*
  - *We must be like this woman & step past our fear & comfort with what we know & leave the darkness*
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