

FAITH COMES BY HEARING

(Rom 10:17)

I've heard people say, "don't believe everything you hear". When you consider this statement in context of the human experience it's correct. You can't believe everything you hear. Life experience has taught you that you have to consider the source. You have to take into account who is speaking and where did they get their information. How many people know you can believe Jesus? How many people know that if it's in scripture you can believe it? How many people have heard that faith comes by hearing (Rom 10:17)? Some have read this. Others have heard it. Regardless of how you got this information it's true. This verse is basically sharing with us that a clear presentation of the Gospel message must precede saving faith. Today we are going to be reminded of a woman who positioned herself to hear from Jesus. This woman acted on what she heard and received what she believed. This was not a woman of importance as far as the society of the day was concerned **BUT** she is of great importance to Jesus. This woman's actions / faith caused Jesus to stop, turn around and locate her in the crowd. Her story is found sown in middle of the restoring of life to Jarius' daughter (Mark 5:21-34). As Jesus listened to Jairus finally as Luke describes, "**He fell down at Jesus feet and begged Him to come to his house.**"

Jesus follows Jarius to his house but His forward progress is interrupted by a woman who came up from behind Him in the crowd as if she was tapping Him on His shoulder saying, **“PASS ME NOT OH GENTILE SAVIOR.”** (Matt 9:20) says, **“And suddenly a woman.”** (Mark 5:25) says, **“Now a certain woman.”** (Luke 8:43) says, **“Now a woman.** She is a woman who was considered to be unclean an untouchable. She could not have normal relations with people. She could not shake hands, share a meal with or sit on the bed with you. She could not hug her family. She was considered to be ceremonially unclean (Lev 15:25-27) because of her issue / flow / disease of blood. Anything this woman touched was considered to be unclean. (READ Mark 25-34).