

**Chapter 2**  
**Lesson Plan Enrichment Ideas**  
**Embarrassed or Expunged?**  
***Jesus and the Hemorrhaging Woman***

***Warm-Up***

Has God given you restoration in your life? Share your experience with the group.

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Arrange for someone to prepare ahead of time to retell the account—from a participant's first-hand view. What did it look like from Jairus' perspective? Or one of the disciples? Or the woman's? It might be interesting to have two different perspectives offered. What each saw, thought, and understood would vary quite a bit. Thinking this through will add depth to the story for your group.

***Things to teach for enrichment***

1. Discuss the obstacles that might have kept the woman from approaching Jesus at all (ceremonial uncleanness, social outcast, intimidating crowd, her weakened condition, reluctance to draw attention to herself, feeling unworthy to ask for help, etc.) What drove her to ignore all this and approach him anyway?

Do you see any parallel reasons someone might hesitate to approach him now? What obstacles might stand in their way? What might drive them to do so in spite of the obstacles?

2. The woman approached Jesus with a physical need. He gave her more than she ever could have imagined. What did Jesus do for her? How did it exceed her expectations?

Discuss how we often think small when we ask God for something, neglecting what God may be doing for our benefit through that trial. Pain can be a very effective tool in God's hands.

- Someone who might not know Christ might pray and ask God for help in taking away a painful circumstance, heal an illness, financial relief, etc. What is God's will for them? See 1 Peter 3:9. How might God be using these circumstances?
- We all avoid pain and seek deliverance when a problem occurs. See James 1:2-4 and Hebrews 12:11. What is God's will for us concerning trials? How might God move differently than you are asking? Why?

Do you think the hemorrhaging women would have been waiting for Jesus had she not been given a desperate reason?

3. Make a chart to compare the woman and Jairus. What did they have in common? How did they differ?

4. Show pictures of prayer shawls (Google: tallit or tallith for more). This is what Jesus wore and what the woman probably touched. Read Leviticus 22:12 to find the significance of the tassels.

5. Jesus felt the “power” go out of him when the woman touched him. She felt that power rush through her and bring her instantaneous relief. Find who or what are named in Scripture as sources of power:

Matthew 22:29

2 Corinthians 10:4

Luke 4:36

2 Corinthians 12:9

Acts 1:8

Ephesians 1:19, 20

Romans 1:16

Ephesians 3:20

Romans 15:19

Hebrews 4:12

1 Corinthians 2:4

6. Jesus commended the woman for her faith. Read the following accounts and notice how faith/no faith impacts Jesus’ response. What conclusions can you draw about the importance of faith to God?

Matthew 8:5-13

Matthew 9:27-31

Matthew 15:21-28

—as opposed to—

Mark 6:1-6

Matthew 12:38-42

Mark 8:11-12

Luke 23:8-9

How much faith is enough?

Matthew 17:20 (the literal translation for the faith at the beginning of the verse is not “little faith” or a small amount of faith. It is literally “no faith.”)

7. What is the relationship between faith and fear? Are they opposites? Scripture does not seem to indicate this. Both the woman and Jairus had faith and yet were afraid. Jesus did not seem offended or surprised by this. He simply urged them, “Take courage,” and “Do not be afraid.”

8. Read what God told Joshua just before he led Israel into the Promised Land in Joshua 1:1-9. God tells Joshua three times to be strong and courageous. Why would he do so if Joshua was not afraid? Once before, the Israelites stood poised to enter the Land. But they had no faith and refused (see Numbers 14:1-4, 26-35) God punished them by having them die in the desert. He is deeply offended when people refuse to believe Him. Joshua and the people now stood ready to trust and obey God. But there was still fear in the camp.

What is the difference between having no faith and having fear? (Hint: faith is a decision of the mind. Fear is an emotional response. Can you have both at the same time?)  
Read Romans 8:15.