

Having Hope – Part 3

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There are two approaches to having hope:

1. it's in God's sovereign hands

- Whatever happens is God's will
- God does move to help us sovereignly
- We have to realize that God's sovereignty doesn't remove my part in the equation of having hope

2. Understanding faith's place in having hope

- Either fear or faith will rise up like a giant in the midst of your hopeless situation.
- We, not God decide whether fear or faith will govern our lives

The faith of a hopeless woman:

Mark 5:24-34 (NKJV) - So Jesus went with Jairus, and a great multitude followed Him and thronged Him. Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment. For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well." Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction. And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?" But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" And He looked around to see her who had done this thing. But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told him the whole truth. And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."

- Her faith made a demand upon God's power
- Jesus attributed 72% of those healed in his ministry, to the faith of the individual

How was her faith put into action?

1. She didn't give up

2. She heard it - **Romans 10:17** - So then, faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.

- Are you hearing God's word daily?

3. She said it

- We all have faith; the question is in what or in whom?
- What you have faith in governs what you say.
- When what you believe has changed the way you speak, faith is active.

4. She did it

- Faith is fully expressed when it governs our actions.
- Faith projects the faithfulness of God into our future.
- Fear projects His absence into our future.

5. She felt it

- This is the outcome we all long for!
- We don't get here without doing the first 4

6. She told it