

Luke 8:48

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.

Analysis

Jesus tells the healed woman: 'Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.' The address 'daughter' (Greek 'thygatēr,' θυγάτηρ) expresses tender affection—Jesus doesn't shame her for touching Him but welcomes her into family relationship. 'Thy faith hath made thee whole' (Greek 'hē pistis sou sesōken se,' ἡ πίστις σου σέσωκέν σε) credits faith as the means of healing. She was healed physically before Jesus spoke (v. 44), but Jesus publicly affirms her faith, gives her peace, and removes the stigma of her disease. Faith touches Jesus and receives healing.

Historical Context

The woman had suffered 12 years with chronic bleeding, probably uterine hemorrhaging. This made her ceremonially unclean (Leviticus 15:25-27), socially isolated, unable to marry or participate in worship, and religiously stigmatized. She had spent all her money on physicians who couldn't help (v. 43). Her desperate faith led her to touch Jesus' garment hem, believing even that contact would heal. Her touch in a crowd (v. 45) required courage—touching someone while unclean transmitted impurity. Yet instead of being defiled, Jesus' purity and power healed her. Jesus' public affirmation restored her social and religious standing, not just her health.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. What does Jesus' tender address 'Daughter' teach about His heart toward those coming to Him in desperate faith?
2. How does Jesus' public affirmation of the woman's faith restore not just her health but her social and religious standing?

Interlinear Text

ὁ	δὲ	εἶπεν	αὐτῇ	Θάρσει,	θύγατερ	ἡ	πίστις
G3588	And	he said	unto her	be of good comfort	Daughter	G3588	faith
G1161	G1161	G2036	G846	G2293	G2364		G4102
σου	σέσωκέν	σε·	πορεύου	εἰς	εἰρήνην		
thy	hath made	thee	go	in	peace		
G4675	G4982	G4571	G4198	G1519	G1515		

Additional Cross-References

Matthew 9:22 (Faith): But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.

Luke 7:50 (Faith): And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.

Hebrews 4:2 (Faith): For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

Acts 14:9 (Faith): The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed,

Mark 5:34 (Faith): And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.

Luke 17:19 (Faith): And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

Exodus 4:18 (Peace): And Moses went and returned to Jethro his father in law, and said unto him, Let me go, I pray thee, and return unto my brethren which are in Egypt, and see whether they be yet alive. And Jethro said to Moses, Go in peace.

Matthew 8:13 (Faith): And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

2 Corinthians 6:18 (Parallel theme): And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

Luke 18:42 (Faith): And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee.