



# HOUR OF POWER

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The background of the entire image is a photograph of two hands reaching towards each other against a sunset sky. The hands are dark-skinned and are positioned in the lower half of the frame, with one hand on the left and one on the right. The fingers are spread, and the hands are reaching towards each other as if in prayer or seeking support. The sunset sky is a mix of warm orange, yellow, and red tones, with a bright sun low on the horizon, creating a lens flare effect. The overall mood is one of hope and spiritual connection.

PRESSING THOUGH  
FOR A BREAKTHROUGH



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**“For she said, If I may touch but his clothes,  
I shall be whole.” Mark 5:28**

Mark records the story of a woman who experienced a hemorrhaging blood condition for twelve years and spent every penny she had on doctors, but never got better. This woman's life was turned upside down and inside out because of her condition. Sexually, she couldn't touch her husband. Maternally, she couldn't have children. Domestically, whatever she touched was considered “unclean”. Spiritually, she couldn't enter the temple for worship. Physically she was exhausted and socially she was ostracized. But mentally she would not give up! In her mind, she said “If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.” Her mind was set on being made whole! She would stop at nothing to get healing from the healer.



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Watch this! Her miracle started when she thought about Jesus. But first she had to get through the crowd that stood between her and Jesus. And so will you! Understand this, there will always be crowds standing between you and Jesus. You must press through them to get a hold of your blessing. I have learned that even though the crowd may be a force with which to be reckoned, learn to press your way through the crowd of procrastination, doubt, envy, tradition, unforgiveness, pain and abuse.



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FINALLY SHE PRESSED HER WAY THROUGH THE CROWD, AND TWO THINGS HAPPENED: 1) SHE DISCOVERED THAT FAITH GETS THE ATTENTION OF JESUS EVERY TIME. MANY PEOPLE IN THE CROWD MUST HAVE BRUSHED UP AGAINST JESUS THAT DAY, YET MARK RECORDS, "...KNOWING IN HIMSELF THAT POWER HAD GONE OUT OF HIM," HE TURNED AROUND IN THE CROWD AND SAID, 'WHO TOUCHED MY CLOTHES?'" (V. 30 NKJV). UNDERSTAND THIS: JESUS CAN TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A CASUAL CHURCHGOER AND A TRULY HUNGRY HEART THAT PUSHES THROUGH PAIN, PROBLEMS, AND PRESSURES, AND TOUCHES HIM BY FAITH. 2) JESUS CALLED HER "...DAUGHTER..." (V. 34 NKJV). IMAGINE HOW SHE FELT. SHE PROBABLY COULDN'T REMEMBER THE LAST TIME ANYONE CALLED HER AN ENDEARING NAME. SHE LEARNED THAT EVEN THOUGH HER PROBLEM WAS BIG, IT WAS NOT TOO BIG FOR JESUS. SO, TODAY REACH OUT IN FAITH, KEEP PRESSING UNTIL YOU EXPERIENCE YOUR BREAKTHROUGH OF BEING MADE WHOLE!



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