

Faith That's Courageous

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We see a Public Declaration

The woman, knowing what had happened, knowing she was the one, stepped up in fear and trembling, knelt before him, and gave him the whole story. - Mark 5:32 (Message)

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In this story we see:

1) The sensitivity of Jesus

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses" - Hebrews 4:15 (ESV)

2) The power of a little faith.

3) That we don't have to agonize over the "correct" way to come to God.

