

Handouts for Real Question 2:

What helps you hang on in there?



Real Question 2, Part 4: God Speaks Scripture Handout

Gospel of Luke, Chapter 8, Verses 43-48

Introduction: *Jesus had sailed across the lake from the area where the Gerasene people lived, and was back in Galilee, where he was welcomed by a crowd. A man named Jairus, a leader from the Synagogue, came and begged Jesus to come to his house – his daughter was dying. This is the story of what happened on the way.*

The crowds were almost stifling Jesus as he went. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from a haemorrhage for twelve years, whom no-one had been able to cure. She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak; and the haemorrhage stopped at that instant. Jesus said, “Who touched me?” When they all denied that they had, Peter and his companions said, “Master, it is the crowds round you, pushing.” But Jesus said, “Someone touched me. I felt that the power had gone out from me.” Seeing herself discovered, the woman came forward trembling, and falling at his feet explained in front of all the people why she had touched him and how she had been cured at that very moment. “My daughter,” he said, “your faith has restored you to health; go in peace.”

Sharing the Blessing Questions from RQ2

- What caught your attention? A particular word or little phrase or picture?
- What is going on here?
- What does it say about the woman? And Jesus? What do you think helped?
- How did YOU hang on in there when the going got tough? What helped you?
- Can you name some of the ways you coped – what were the hidden blessings there?
- Who was a blessing for you, helping you and making a difference? What else helps you hang on in there?
- What might Jesus be saying to you about your life? A word of blessing or encouragement? “I feel blessed because ...”

Real Question 2, Closing Prayer Handout

Psalm 120[121]

I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
May he never allow you to stumble! Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard.
The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you, nor the moon in the night.
The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever.

Glory be

to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.

AMEN

The Counting our Blessings Prayer

Let our friendships be strong, O Lord, that they become a blessing to others.
Let our friendships be open O Lord, that they may be a haven for others.
Let our friendships be gentle O Lord, that they may bring peace to others, In Jesus name.

AMEN

Peace be with you!