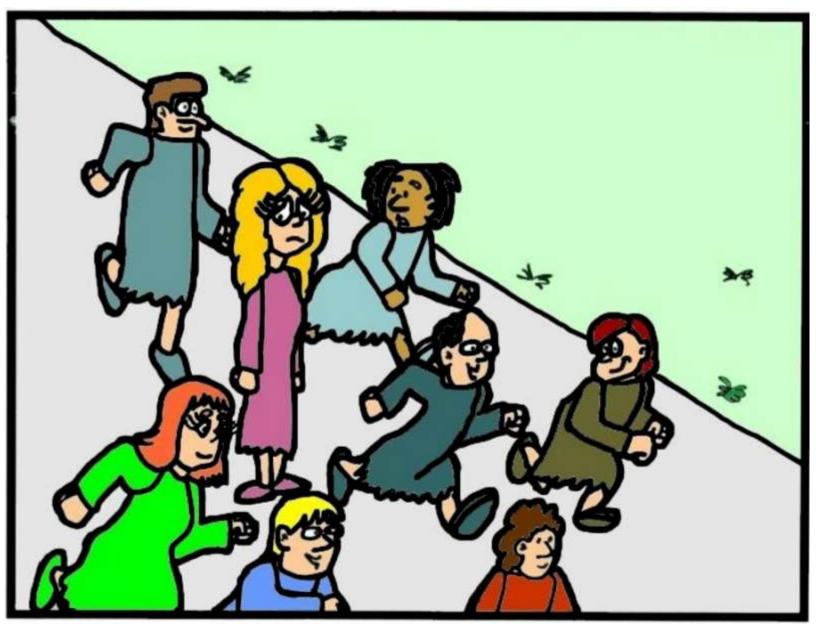
Woman With Issue of Blood

(Based on Mark 5:25-34, Matthew 9:20-22, Luke 8:43-48)

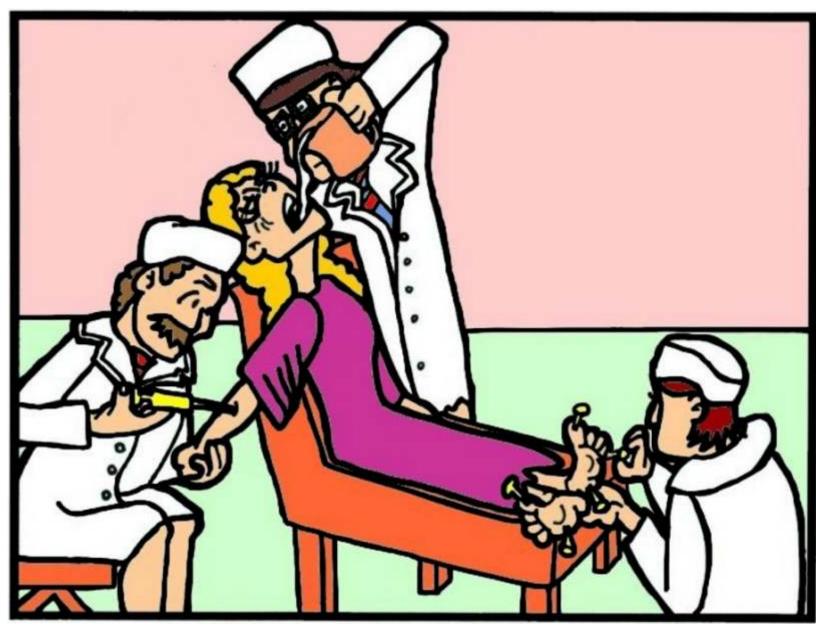
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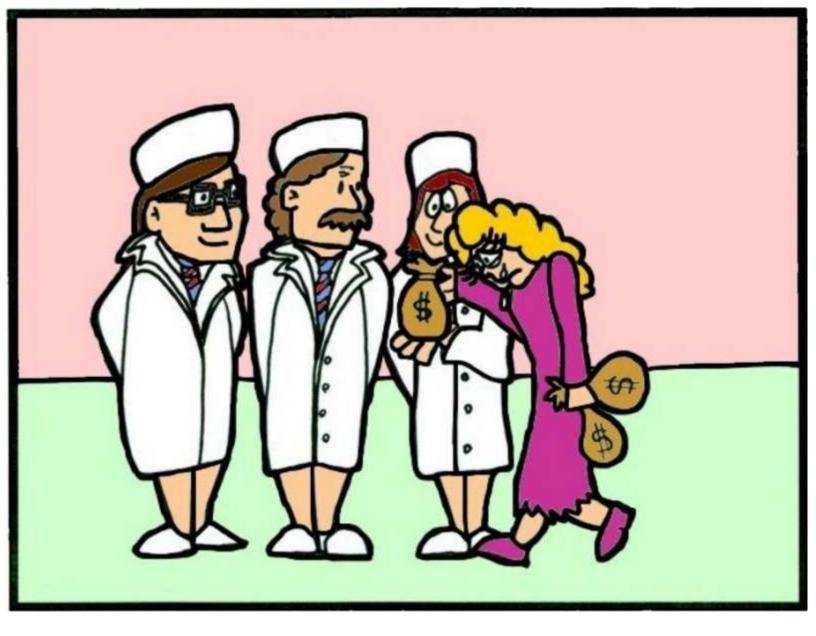
While Jesus was on his way to the Ruler of the Synagogue's house a huge crowd of people followed Jesus. They were pushing and shoving up against him.



In the middle of this mob of people was a woman who had a terrible bleeding problem. Twelve years before, she started to bleed and no matter what she did, she couldn't get the bleeding to stop.



She visited many doctors and suffered terrible medical treatments, but instead of getting better, she was bleeding worse and worse.



Not only that, she had to spend all the money she had just to pay the doctors.



It was against the law for people with bleeding problems to come out in public, but when she heard what Jesus was doing, she decided she was going to go see Jesus. She said, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed!"



Carefully and delicately she edged her way through the crowd. "Sorry mister, just passing through. Oops, sorry Lady, just passing through."



At last she could reach Jesus. She squished between the people, stretched out her arm and touched the hem of Jesus clothes. Power went out of Jesus and into the lady. She was immediately healed.



"Who touched me?" shouted Jesus to the crowd. "Who touched you?" asked the disciples. "Everybody's touching you!" "Power went out of me," answered Jesus.



"It was me! It was me!" said the lady. Trembling and very afraid, she fell down before Jesus and told everybody why she was there and what had happened.



"Daughter," said Jesus. "Your faith has made you all better. Go home in peace." From that day on the lady was well.



Lord, help me to remember to always reach out to you whenever I have troubles. You are good. I trust you.