



"Heal me, O Lord."

Healing the Sick Woman - Mark 5:24b-34

Granny B and Pops were sitting on the porch finishing their lunch. They liked to spend as much time outdoors in God's creation as they could when the weather was nice. Granny B got up to get a fresh batch of cookies out of the oven when she noticed Delbert and Lello coming out of the barn door.

"I see our little donkey and lamb friends heading this way. Tell them I'll be right out," Granny B said, as she patted Pops' shoulder and went inside the farmhouse.

Pops turned toward the barn and watched Delbert and Lello skipping up the path to the porch. He was curious why they were in the barn on such a nice day instead of playing outdoors. As they got closer he waved and called out a rich, deep, "Hello."

As soon as Delbert and Lello heard Pop's voice, they ran up as fast as they could. "Hi, Pops!" they said in unison as they stepped onto the porch.

"What were you two doing in the barn?" Pops asked as he pet both the donkey and the lamb.

"We were visiting Beaker the Duck. His wing is still in a cast. We've been spending time with him every day," Delbert replied.

"I'm so glad to hear that. Beaker really needs his friends around while his wing is hurt," Pops replied with a smile.

"Where is Granny B?" Lello asked.

"She should be out soon. Are you here to learn today's Bible story?" Pops asked.

"We sure are! Since Beaker hurt his wing Granny B has been reading us stories from the Bible about how Jesus heals us," Delbert said.

"To heal means to make someone well again so they are all better!" Lello announced proudly. Just then Granny B opened the door and the aroma of fresh baked cookies floated gently out onto the porch. Delbert began to lick his lips.

"Hi, my little ones," Granny B greeted Delbert and Lello. "I made some cookies, please have one."

Delbert and Lello wasted no time hurrying over and taking a cookie. "Thank you," they both said with their mouths full.

Granny B sat down and picked up her Bible. "Are you two ready to hear about Jesus' power to heal?" The two little animals nodded eagerly.

"Today's story is found in Mark 5. Let's look in the Bible." Granny B flipped through the pages to find the story and began to read:

A large crowd gathered around Jesus. A woman who had a sickness that made her bleed was there. She had suffered for 12 years even though she had seen many doctors. She spent all the money she had. Then she heard about Jesus. She thought, 'I just need to touch His clothes. Then I will be healed.' She touched Jesus' clothes and right away her bleeding stopped and she was healed.

"Wow," Lello whispered with her eyes wide.

Granny B smiled and continued reading the story. "Jesus turned around in the crowd. He asked, 'Who touched My clothes?' The woman came and fell at His feet. She told Him the whole truth. Jesus said, 'Your faith has healed you. Go in peace. You are free from your suffering.'"

"Haw!" exclaimed Delbert. "Did Jesus have something special on His clothes that healed her?"

"No, Delbert. Jesus is so powerful, the woman was healed just by touching Him," Pops answered.

"Baa...but how long did it take the woman to be all better?" Lello asked.

Granny B smiled and answered, "It was right away! As soon as she touched Jesus' clothes, she was completely healed."

Delbert brayed, "Haw! I think she must have known our Bible Memory Verse! Do you remember? Heal me, O Lord and I will be healed!"

"Oh!" Lello sighed in amazement. "I wish Beaker could touch Jesus' clothes and be healed."

"Remember that Jesus hears our prayers and He can heal us. The vet is coming in a few days to check on Beaker's wing and see if his cast can come off. Beaker should be completely healed soon," Pops said gently.

Delbert and Lello smiled at each other, then Delbert jumped up excitedly. "Granny B, can Lello and I bring Beaker one of your cookies?"

"You sure can and you can share the story of Jesus healing the sick woman with Beaker, too," Granny B replied.

"Baa...let's go!" Lello said as she stood up. She walked over to Granny B and Pops to give them a goodbye nuzzle.

"Thanks, Granny B! Thanks, Pops," Delbert called, as he ran down the path to the barn carrying a cookie for Beaker. Lello jumped off the porch and ran after him.

Pops and Granny B watched them scamper away to see their friend. Then, they leaned back in their rocking chairs and enjoyed the warm sun and cool breeze.