

*“While Jesus was going, the crowds were nearly crushing Him. A woman suffering from bleeding for 12 years, who had spent all she had on doctors yet could not be healed by any, approached from behind and touched the tassel of Jesus’ robe. Instantly her bleeding stopped. ‘Who touched me?’ Jesus asked. When they all denied it, Peter said, ‘Master, the crowds are hemming you in and pressing against you. ‘Someone did touch me,’ Jesus said. ‘I know that power has gone out from me.’ When the woman saw that she was discovered, she came trembling and fell down before Jesus. In the presence of all the people, she declared the reason she had touched Jesus and how she was instantly cured. ‘Daughter,’ Jesus said to her, ‘your faith has made you well. Go in peace.’”*

**Luke 8:42 b - 48**

Dear Friends,

It is spring in Iowa! Beautiful trees, gardens, and flowers everywhere! We hope you are experiencing the “new life” of spring as we look to summer and all the activities. What a difference a few weeks can make.

I’ve chosen this scripture reading from Luke, not only because it is one of my favorite stories of healing, but because it reflects my own story of miraculous healing the end of April. Please allow me to share a bit of my experience this year – 2025:

Starting in late December 2024, I was feeling tired most of the time, with hand tremors and difficulty thinking clearly. My brain function and memory seemed more and more confused as we attended the wonderful TMS Global Gathering in Turkey. I had to admit something was “not quite right!” Thankfully I had an appointment with my primary doctor at the end of January, and she examined me and referred me to a Neurologist. Sadly, the appointment was several months away, but at least I knew I could get help.

That appointment was eventually moved ahead to February, after some prompting by my “advocate” –

Lynn, and further tests were ordered, without any definitive diagnosis. My fatigue, leg muscle weakness, and mental confusion continued to worsen over the next few months. Lynn was having to help me with words, memories, and brain function. I slept constantly – nighttime and naps.

Finally in April Lynn could see that I was declining rapidly, and the neurologist allowed me to be admitted to the University of Iowa Hospital April 24<sup>th</sup>. After a flurry of tests, I was started on high-dose steroids and IVIG boluses. Just like the woman in our story, I cried out to God for healing – especially during 2 very restless nights. Many of you were praying for me, and I felt those prayers.

I awoke after about 36 hours on the treatment and was able to “talk in sentences again” and felt like I was a different person. My brain was clear again and my strength was returning. I know “it may have just been the steroids.” But as I taper off the steroids now, I am experiencing what it feels like returning to normal functioning and strength!

Although unusual, I was diagnosed with **Idiopathic Autoimmune Encephalitis**. There is no clear explanation



of the cause, but I praise God for healing and restoration on the treatment. **And I thank you for your prayers. What a miracle for us.**

Much of early 2025 was spent responding to Sharon’s poor health. But now we are looking ahead to what lies ahead! Please join us in praying for the following:

- 1) Joella and Keashaun are getting married on July 11<sup>th</sup> here in Coralville. We look forward to sharing this special day with friends and family.
- 2) Travels to Mackinaw Island in northern Michigan for our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on September

1<sup>st</sup>. We are so thankful to be able to travel there as we went the first time on our Honeymoon.

- 3) Lynn's hike on Camino de Santiago in Spain with friends and colleagues in late September. This is the final leg of the long 500 mile trek!
- 4) Early plans for Trauma Healing Training in Guatemala in November 2025. Lynn has worked with this group in the past, and they are eager to learn more about the emotional and spiritual healing offered with this training.

Thank you for praying with us for these plans. We are so grateful for your love, support and prayers! Blessings on your summer!

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