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Mark 5 v 21-36

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²⁵ When a woman has a discharge of blood for many days at a time other than her monthly period or has a discharge that continues beyond her period, she will be unclean as long as she has the discharge, just as in the days of her period. ²⁶ Any bed she lies on while her discharge continues will be unclean, as is her bed during her monthly period, and anything she sits on will be unclean, as during her period. ²⁷ Anyone who touches them will be unclean; they must wash their clothes and bathe with water, and they will be unclean till evening.

Leviticus 15v25-27



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- No-one is invisible to God
- God knows what we need
- God has given you a voice
- Church is a crowd with Jesus in the middle
- How close are you to Jesus today?

