

BBCC Bible Study Notes  
From the Advent Series: The Star  
*"The Touch of Faith"*  
December 10, 2017

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## BBC Devotional Guide for December 10-16, 2017

**Sunday: Read *Jeremiah 9:23-24*** Many people wish they had more faith. Some believe that their lack of faith is why they are not healed, the reason for spiritual weakness and why God seems distant. When people wrestle with doubt they may convince themselves that they just need to try harder to have more faith. But faith is not acquired by trying harder. If you want to have more faith get to know God better. Because God is faithful, the better you know him the more you will trust him—and that's what faith is all about.

**Monday: Read *Mark 5:25-26* and *2 Corinthians 1:8-9*** Faith is refusing to lose hope when things go from bad to worse. Difficult times test our faith and present an opportunity for us to realize how much we need God. Remember that when you feel like giving up God wants you to look up!

**Tuesday: Read *Mark 5:27-29*** Faith is more than hoping. Faith is more than praying. Faith is taking action. When the woman in this story heard about Jesus she decided to take action. And what was her first action? To seek Jesus. God wants us to seek Him every day. He wants us to seek His solution for our situations. What situation in your life right now do you need to bring to God?

**Wednesday: Read *Mark 5:30-31* and *Psalms 150:1-2*** God is looking for people who will trust him enough to step out in faith and experience His power in their lives. Faith connects you to the power of God. God has unlimited power and he wants to share his power with you. What is one area of your life where you need God's power to get going? Where is an area in your life where you need God's power to keep going?

**Thursday: Read *Mark 5:32-34*** This woman found healing by coming to Jesus and telling him the whole story. The confession before the crowd that day wasn't for Jesus, it was for her. It was so that the people from the temple would know that she was healed and allow her to worship there again. It was so that she could start her life all over again. What do you need to tell Jesus today?

**Friday: Read *Philippians 4:6-7*** The way that we live is a consequence of the size of our God. How big is your God? Do you live in a state of constant anxiety because you believe that everything depends on you? Is your mood governed by your circumstances or do you believe that you are safe in the hands of an all loving, all knowing, ever present God? Faith is the pathway to peace.

**Saturday: Read *Psalms 95:1-7*** There is a process by which we come to perceive how big God is: it is called worship. We need to worship because without it we can forget that God is with us and God is for us. We need to worship because we have a tendency to be self absorbed and preoccupied with our problems. We need to worship because we often rely on ourselves rather than on God. Other than Sunday morning, do you have times when you worship God?

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