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remedy for our
desperation

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Matthew

14:34-36

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The actions of Jesus made an impact

- People came from all over
- People were searching for something
- People came with expectations –
known and unknown



**Desperation drives us to
something**

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Desperation – recklessness
growing out of despair (losing or
abandoning hope; hopelessness and
discouragement)



Desperation

How far did they travel? How long did they wait? What were they willing to lose to experience something great?



Desperation drives us to something

We willingly sell our souls to anything we believe will satisfy – spiritually, physically, emotionally, etc.



Desperation

Only touch the hem of His garment

- They simply begged to touch His garment
- We want Him to come to us
 - We want everything



Simple request in desperation through faith

- Heard the stories from before (Matthew 9)
 - Unworthy
 - Deep respect and confidence
- They asked for the smallest opportunity and it was enough

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**Through faith we can be
made whole (V36)**

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Made whole is being made complete; fulfilled; satisfied

Then great multitudes came to Him, having with them the lame, blind, mute, maimed, and many others; and they laid them down at Jesus' feet, and He healed them. So the multitude marveled when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed made whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel.

Matthew 15:30-31



The desperation we experience for physical healing or fulfillment should pale in comparison to our desperation for spiritual healing and fulfillment



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Questions to ponder:

- 1) What has desperation driven you to in your life?
Was it truly satisfying?
- 2) Are we desperate for Jesus in every area of our lives?
- 3) What are you willing to lose, walk away from or change simply for an encounter with Jesus?
- 4) What do you believe needs to be made whole in your life today?

