

MARK 5:25-34 – A WOMAN HEALED!

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Mar 5:25-34 Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, [26] and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. [27] When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment. [28] For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well." [29] Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction. [30] And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?" [31] But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?' " [32] And He looked around to see her who had done this thing. [33] But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. [34] And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."

FOLLOWING A SERIES OF MIRACLES, (Wind and Waves Obey Jesus; A Demon Possessed Man Healed) WE NOW HAVE A WOMAN HEALED!:

A COMPARISON OF JAIRUS AND THE WOMAN WITH THE ISSUE OF BLOOD:

Recently, while studying this same passage in Matthew's account, we focused mainly on the anonymous woman's position of being an outcast, yet having faith to break the Law, coming into public to touch Jesus. We marveled at her faith and determination to get to Him at all costs! Today we will compare the differences between the woman and Jairus:

- Of the crowd surrounding Jesus, Mark draws **attention to two individuals, of very different backgrounds:**
- Jairus was **famous** - The most visible member of the community, *The woman was anonymous.*
- Jairus was **wealthy**. *The woman lived in poverty.*
- Jairus was the **leader of the synagogue**. *Because of her physical condition, the woman was forbidden from entering the synagogue.*
- For **twelve years**, as his daughter grew, the house of Jairus was filled with laughter and joy. *For twelve years, the house of the woman was filled with misery and despair.*
- And so these two people—at opposite ends of the spectrum—**waited for Jesus.**

HOW ABOUT YOUR LIFE?

- Like Jairus, you might **be riding high**. Your **business might be booming**. Your **marriage might be blessed**. Your **family might be growing**. Your **body might be healthy**. But **you don't know what the next moment holds**. Before the clock strikes midnight tonight, you might find yourself totally, unexpectedly in the middle of a major tragedy. You and I do not know what the next moment holds. You who are Jairuses right now, realize this: **Like this man, the next moment might bring tragedy into your world.**
- Conversely, if, like the woman, you **have either been going through an endless stream of setbacks or one persistent problem**, you don't know **what the next hour holds**. The next moment might bring you a miracle of astounding proportion. Pondering this **keeps me from complacency** when I feel like I'm in Jairus' sandals, and **from despairing** when it seems like I'm standing in the woman's shoes.
- Both of their stories remind me **that the Lord is my Protector and my Shield**. And if He allows difficulty, **setback, or tragedy to come** into my life, I want to remember His promises!
- *Isa 41:10 Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'*
- *Psa 3:3 But You, O LORD, are a shield for me, My glory and the One who lifts up my head.*
- *Psa 119:75 I know, O LORD, that Your judgments are right, And that in faithfulness You have afflicted me.*
- *Deu 31:8 And the LORD, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed."*

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- As the woman broke through the crowd of people, she didn't come to Jesus with great oration to impress Him. She simply reached out behind Him and touched the hem of His garment. But that was all it took.
- Why is it we think to receive from the Lord we have to impress Him with long prayers, lengthy fasts, or great discipline? If I can break through the crowd of my unbelief, apathy, and despair, and touch even the hem of His garment, I know I'll be helped in my difficulty.

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- Did Jesus ask who touched Him because He wanted to embarrass the woman? No. I believe it was because He wanted to encourage Jairus.

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Why did Jesus expose this woman to the crowd and to the fact that she was healed?

- Jesus did it so that **she would know she was healed**. It is true that Mark tells us **she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction**, but this woman was like any other person. Soon she would begin to doubt and fear that she really was healed. She would wonder when the ailment would return. But Jesus told her **"Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."** Jesus "called her out" so **she would absolutely know** that she was healed.
- Jesus did it so **others would know she was healed**. This woman had an ailment that no one could see and that made her a public outcast. It would sound suspicious to many if she just announced that she was healed. They would think that she made it up just to be considered "clean" again. Jesus "called her out" so **others would absolutely know** that she was healed.
- Jesus did it so that **she would know why she was healed**. When Jesus said, **"Daughter, your faith has made you well"** it showed the woman that it really wasn't touching the clothing of Jesus that healed her. Instead, it was her **faith** in Jesus and what He could do for her.
- Jesus did it **because He didn't want her to think that she stole a blessing**, that she could never look Jesus in the eye again. **She didn't steal anything, she received it by faith** and Jesus wanted her to know that.
- Jesus did it so **Jairus could see this woman's faith and be encouraged regarding his daughter**. Jesus "called her out" to *encourage someone else* in faith.
- Jesus did it *because He wanted to bless her in a special way*. He called her **"Daughter."** Jesus never called any other person by this name. Jesus **wanted her to come forth and hear this special name of tenderness**. When Jesus calls us forward, it is **because He has something special to give us**.
- Jesus may ask us to do things that seem embarrassing today. He doesn't ask us to do them just because He wants to embarrass us. **There is also a higher purpose even if we can't see it**. But if avoiding embarrassment is the most important thing in our life, then pride is our god. We are more in love with ourselves and with our self-image than we are in love with Jesus.

SUMMARY:

- **Is your life one of riding high like Jairus, or in the pit of despair like the anonymous woman?**
- **How are you currently responding to the present circumstances of your life?**
- **How do you think you would respond to a great tragedy striking your life right now?**
- **Would you have enough faith to believe that if you could only "touch His garment", that you would be healed?**
- **How sure are you that our Lord is our Protector and Shield?**
- **Are you rejoicing that your name is written in the Book of Life?**

Holy, Holy, Holy- London Festival Orchestra

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity. AMEN!

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