

MARK 5 SERIES

DEVILS CAST OUT, DISEASE HEALED, DEAD RAISED

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INTRODUCTION

A very interesting contrast is obvious in Mark 5, there we observe the citizens of Gadarenes (east of the Sea of Galilee, Mark 5:1), plead with Christ to leave them (get out of their territory) after He delivered the demon-possessed man (see Mark 5:1-20, NB Vv. 14-17).

Christ left and went to the other side (Mark 5:21) and there much people gathered to Him. **While there are some who reject Christ, yet there are others that warmly receive Him!**

Matthew Henry notes:

“A despised gospel will cross the water, and go where it will have better entertainment. Now among the many that applied themselves to Him.”

Three Scenes

I am discussing the passage, Mark 5:21-43 in three parts or observing three scenes, which can be easily seen as we read the passage.

In Part A (Vv. 21-24) we saw in **Scene 1**: Emphatically, demonstrated in these verses is the desperate situation of a notable Jewish leader, Jairus, who earnestly and shamelessly sought Jesus' help for his beloved daughter who was gravely ill.

In Part B or Scene 2 (Vv. 25-34): While Christ was on His way to Jairus' home, a desperate/hopeless woman; purposed in her heart to touch Jesus' garment, believing that such touch Jesus would deliver her from the adverse, life-draining situation that was gradually destroying her.

This hopeless woman passionately, earnestly, and determinedly pushed through all the odds and circumstances, believing that Jesus Christ's touch would heal her. **Such**

approach always lay hold of Jesus. Jesus senses the truth of hopelessness and always help the hopeless who come to Him!

In Part C or Scene 3 (Vv. 35-43): We have Christ arriving at Jairus' home. He arrived at a time when the situation was chaotic but when He left there was calmness, consolation and conquest!! This will be discussed in our next lesson.

THE EXPOSITION

THE INCURABLE CURED/HOPE FOR THE HOPELESS Mark 5:21-43

In Part A: Desperate Father/Leader Earnestly Sought Jesus Mark 5:21-24 we discussed:

A. Dire and Various Needs Within the Crowd Mark 5:21-22.

1. Compassionate/ Compulsive (Irresistible) Christ (Mark 5:21).
2. Crowds Consist of Different Types of People and Needs.

B. Desire of a Desperate Man Made Known to Jesus! Mark 5:22-24

1. Humane attitude Passionately Exhibited (Mark 5:22a).
Here we observe Jairus' "Selfless Attitude."
2. Humility of a Jewish Leader (Mark 5:22b).
Here we observe Jairus' "Humble Attitude."
3. Help Earnestly and Shamelessly Sought (Mark 5:23a).
Here we observe Jairus' "Pleading Attitude."
4. Hopefulness Demonstrated by a Desperate Father (Mark 5:23b).
Here we observe Jairus' "Believing Attitude."
5. Heavenly (or Blessed) Result and Impact.

A brief review of the result of the result of Jairus' outstanding attitudes as discussed to this point.

Part B: Mark 5:25-34: Draining and Desperately Hopeless ... Jesus Delivered

C. Devastated – Doom Anticipated – Produces a Desperate Woman Mark 5:25-26.

1. Chronic/Life Draining Situation (Mark 5:25)

"Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years . . ." (5:25 NKJV).

(a) Hemorrhage situation of a certain woman for twelve years and it was uncontrollable.

- (1) We have been discussing desperate conditions and this woman was in a truly desperate state and she was looking at the possibility of dying as a result of her condition.
- (2) It was undoubtedly a life-draining situation, which means her energy, strength, etc. were gradually fading and her physical condition becoming more and more taxing, fatiguing and hope was diminishing!

- (b) Horrific repercussion; mentally, socially, etc., because of her physical condition.
- (1) Even more stressing, consider what it meant for her as a result of this physical condition!
 - (2) According to Jewish laws at the time, she was not to be touched nor was she allowed to touch anyone, because she was considered ceremonially and socially unclean. This itself was a significant burden to live under for twelve years.
 - (3) In reality she was ostracized! Cut off from society and excommunicated from religious observance (see Lev. 15:19-31).
 - If she was married, she was to be separated from her husband (note Lev. 15:25-27).
 - As briefly noted above, her situation produced a devastating effect on her. Her state of uncleanness had sunk deeply into her mind, for she had been cut off from society and family, etc. – left alone for twelve years!
- (c) **This woman (Mark 5:25-34) was draining physically but sad to note there are some who are being drained spiritually! They drain out by adopting and establishing patterns of behavior that grieve the Holy Spirit.**
*As it relates to “draining out” . . . time wouldn’t be available for details . . . please notes a few highlights. **Some things that lead to spiritual drainage:***
- (1) **The drain of negative influence.**
Our relationships will lead us closer or further from God! Unfortunately, some are being drained spiritually because of their associates. It is critically important to avoid friends that draw us away from God’s will (Prov. 22:24-25; 1 Cor. 15:33; 2 Cor. 6:14; James 4:4; etc.).
 - (2) **The drain of busyness.**
 In the words of Corrie Ten Boom: ***“If the devil cannot make us bad, he will make us busy.”*** The song says: *“Room for pleasure, room for business, But for Christ the Crucified, Not a place that He can enter, . . .*
 One of the surest ways to lose spiritual power is to neglect relationship with God!! Just amazing how some believers and unbelievers have adequate time for everything else **except giving adequate time to Jesus Christ and His cause!!** (Deut. 32:18; Isa. 1:1-9, NB Vv. 2-5; Matt. 23:23; Heb. 2:1-3; etc.)
 - (3) **The drain of materialism.**
 If money and materialism become our motive, it will replace God as the center of our life. Many examples in Scriptures, note for example the ***“Strangled Heart”***, noted in the “Sower and the Seed”, Matt. 13:1-23, Observe Vv. 7, 22 there we see the ***“Strangled Heart!”*** discussed. (See also Mark 4:18-19).
 Spending time and energy on material things above God will definitely drain us spiritually. (Matt. 6:19-24; 1 Tim. 6:17-19; 1 John 2:15-17; etc.).
 - (4) **The drain of envy and jealousy.**
 Envy is discontent and longing for someone else’s advantage. Jealousy means unpleasant suspicion or apprehension of rival-ship. These traits reveal a lack

of trust in God's providence. **It is impossible to serve Him in the power of His Holy Spirit when we are shackled by resentment.** (Prov. 14:30; 1 Cor. 3:3; James 3:14-16; etc.).

Whether one's drainage is physical, spiritual, etc. he/she should adopt the determined faith and actions of this woman and wholeheartedly seek Jesus Christ the Emancipator!! (Mark 5:25-34; also recorded in Matt. 9:20-22, and Luke 8:43-48).

2. **The Cup of Suffering Everything Tried Failed** (Mark 5:26).

"... and had suffered many things from many physicians. She spent all that she had and was no better" (5:26 NKJV).

(a) Seeking help through the options available (Mark 5:26a).

(1) She left no stone unturned in her great desire to find a solution to her life-threatening condition.

(2) She had consulted with all the physicians and followed their advice and she used only the top-quality medications that were recommended.

(3) You have heard the thought: **"Decisions determine destiny."** Brief comment possible:

John Maxwell notes:

"It is our decisions not our conditions that determines our quality of life."

The power to choose is in our hands. We can choose wisely or unwisely as we are confronted with everyday circumstances, whatever they may be.

The woman referred to in our text (Mark 5:25-34) made a choice based on what she knew and what was available in seeking the medical help needed. Despite what she did, nothing helped until she became aware of the Source of Life! Jesus Christ our Lord!!

We will be faced with making choices every day and need to allow God to guide us in all our ways. Victory is a necessity and a possibility through God Himself!! (**Prov. 3:5-6**; 16:2-3; 18:13; 19:21; 27:12; **Deut. 30:15**; etc.).

(b) Situation worsens despite all the efforts made (Mark 5:26b).

(1) See Mark 5:26: She went to the various doctors to get better, but only **suffered** worse – and became poorer. Luke the physician also tells us she had **spent all her livelihood on physicians** (Luke 8:43).

(2) Despite **all** her efforts, spending **all** the money that she had, the doctors finally gave up on her, declaring that she was incurable.

- Satan, cynically, asserted that Job was faithful only because of God's blessings (see Job chapters 1 and 2, NB 2:4-5, etc.) Satan was wrong about Job's commitment to God and we saw the end result ... **Job remained focused on God!! (Job 13:15; 42, NB Vv. 12-16).**

In our lesson (Mark 5:25-34) we have a woman who spent all that she had in order to get well and as we noted before she took the best options available but her condition worsened.

- Throughout life, we have seen patients whose physical conditions worsen and, in some cases the situation continues, getting worse and even become a life-threatening situation despite confidence in their doctors.
- It is also a proven factor that those who were not helped medically, are most likely to continue getting worse to the point of being declared to be in a terminal condition, unless God delivers based on His will.

(3) As noted, before, this woman (Mark 5:25-34) did everything possible and most likely was at that point of no return and seen natural for her to give up all hope of survival. The good news is that she heard of Jesus Christ and she sought Him diligently and relentlessly.

- It is unfortunate and bewildering, when we fail to apply ourselves to Jesus Christ and instead resort to vain helpers or sources.
- **The great news is: Jesus will be a refuge, even to those who make Him their last choice.**
- Beloved, a person who has been brought to the point of helplessness can be helped!! **When there is no hope anywhere else, there is hope in Jesus Christ!!**
- ***“There is no need to reach the point of hopelessness; no need to reach the end of our ropes; no need to become utterly depressed.***
 - *“Circumstances should never be allowed to destroy us, not to the point of utter hopelessness. Nevertheless, many reach that point.*
 - *The one thing to remember is that Jesus does care and will never turn away the hopeless. He opens His arms to all who come – even to the helpless.”*

(The Preacher’s Outline & Sermon Bible).

Matt. 11:28 Amp. Bible

“Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy burdened and I will give you rest.”

D. Dared to When Ritually Forbidden . . . But Desperate! Mark 5:27-28.

1. Good News About One Who is Able (Mark 5:27)

“When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment.” (5:27).

(a) Awareness of Jesus . . . **who is man’s glorious hope!!**

While a detailed study would be best on this topic, such is not possible at this time!!

(1) Think of this desperate woman who at this point saw no way out of her hopeless condition, despite all the efforts made. The outlook for her was

extremely dark and most likely her days were troubled, her nights restless and her future certainly uncertain!

- (2) Whenever you experience darkness, it's important to have hope – see the light beyond and a silver lining behind every dark cloud!! **Beloved, Jesus Christ brings light into the world!!** (Isa. 9:2; Matt. 4:16; etc.), and though the world is filled with darkness it has not overcome the light (John 1:5; etc. . . . take your need to Jesus Phil. 4:6-7; etc.).
- (3) This desperate woman heard about Jesus (Mark 5:27a); we are told of another woman who was trapped in an immoral life style, met Jesus and joyously told others about Him (John 4:1-26). He is still available today . . . He conquers death and the grave (Rev. 1:18; etc.); He can conquer all your challenges (Rom 8:37-39, NB v. 37).
- (b) Applied herself to the task of realizing her goal.

“ . . . she came behind Him in the crowd and touch His garment” (Mark 5:27b NKJV).

- (1) She was shy, embarrassed and displayed an unworthy attitude!
- Despite it all: ostracized, forbidden, hopeless, etc. she elbowed her way through the crowd and came up behind Jesus.
 - With all the restrictions in place, she was desperate and desperate times call for desperate measures!! **She intended to touch Jesus without being seen! That need for deliverance took precedence above everything else!!**
- (2) Why was she feeling embarrassed and felt unworthy of even touching Jesus or desired to have her act known?
- Her hemorrhaging was a personal, intimate matter which was something she didn't want to discuss.
 - We discussed above the restrictions imposed on anyone with her condition. She was considered unclean therefore, she felt unworthy to approach Jesus.
- (3) Consider these Practical Pointers:
- It is the sense of unworthiness and hopelessness, beloved, that touches the heart of Jesus; it is not being shy and fearing embarrassment. **Jesus accepts any of the hopeless who truly come to Him, no matter what causes their unworthiness!!**
 - Embarrassing matters, personal matters, secret matters – all are understood by Christ. He wishes no one to suffer ridicule or shame. He will accept all who willingly come to Him! (John 6:37-40, NB v. 37).
 - There are personal, embarrassing matters that all wish to keep secret. Keeping such to ourselves never helps. Beloved, even a shy, embarrassed attitude that approaches Jesus will be acceptable. **A sense of unworthiness and hopelessness touches His heart.**
Psa. 34:18 NKJV

“The LORD is near those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a contrite spirit.”

Psa. 51:17 NKJV

“The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and contrite heart – These, O God, You will not despise.”

2. **Great Faith! Her Fixed Intention!** (Mark 5:28).

For she said, ‘If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well.’ (5:28 NKJV)

(a) Faith of a desperate and determined woman.

(1) This woman clearly demonstrates an expectant, believing attitude!!

- This hopeless woman heard great things about Jesus and was fully persuaded that He was able to help her.
- Observe, carefully, her personal conviction: **“If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well”** (Mark 5:28 NKJV).
- She believed in the healing power of Jesus, and that even the very border of His garment would bring about her healing, that was her point of contact for her faith.

(2) This woman (Mark 5:27-28) believed two things: First, **the gospel . . . the Good News about Jesus Christ**. Second, **the power of Jesus to make her whole again**.

(3) Anyone who comes to Christ must also have this believing attitude irrespective of the person’s needs. He/she must believe in the gospel and the power of Jesus to make one whole (Mark 1:15; Rom. 1:16; Mark 9:23; John 6:28-29; Heb. 11:6).

(b) Staying focused on her goal was top priority.

(1) Her strong faith kept her focused on her goal to be healed and would not allow anyone or anything to distract her.

(2) **Psa. 37:5 Message Bible**

“Open up before God, keep nothing back; He’ll do whatever needs to be done.”

E. **Delivered! Glorious Victory! Mark 5:29-30a**

1. **Immediately Cured! Glory to God!!** (Mark 5:29).

“Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up. And she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction.” (5:29 NKJV)

(a) We will briefly make some brief definition as relates to verse 29, for clarification.

The KJV: **“And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague.”** The NKJV translation has been quote above.

(1) “. . . straightway the fountain of her blood”

- **“straightway”**: means at once, immediately. The miracle occurred the moment that she touched Jesus! Yet her **faith** was fundamentally important!!

- **“fountain”**: as used here refers to the discharge or flow of blood from the body. Luke says: “. . . **her flow of blood . . .**” (Luke 8:44).
 - **“blood”** (Mark 5:25, 29; Matt. 9:20; Luke 8:43, 44): This refers to her hemorrhaging that she was experiencing . . .
“. . . fountain of blood was dried up” (NKJV): The hemorrhaging she had for twelve years that all those physicians could not cure was instantly healed!!
 - **“. . . was healed . . .”**: she was cured, or restored to bodily health! She was delivered, rescued from the effects of that prevailing physical ailment that was threatening her life.
 - **“. . . healed of that plague”**: **“plague”** (Mark 5:29, 34): refers to disease, affliction.
 The term also refers to scourging or punishment or affliction (Matt. 27:26; Mark 15:15; Lev. 19:20; etc.).
 The woman’s prolonged ailing condition was a source of affliction and produced a condition of hopelessness!! **BUT JESUS SHOWED UP!!!**
- (2) *She came in the crowd behind Jesus and despite the commotion, she persevered and was able to touch Christ’s garment!!* (See Mark 5:27-29)
- The flow of blood was dried up, she knew that healing had occurred and the effects could be felt in her body! It was a glorious feeling in her life that she had not known for so many years!
 - She may have heard of the wonders of Christ’s ministry but now she had a personal experience of His miraculous intervention and deliverance!
- (b) Jesus Christ . . . He is above and beyond, no matter the situation because He is God!
- (1) According to the thinking of the day, when this unclean woman touched Jesus, it would make Him unclean. But because of the nature of Jesus and the power of God, that wasn’t how it worked.
 When she touched Jesus’ garment, He wasn’t made unclean; the woman was made whole!
- (2) When we come to Jesus with our sin and lay it upon Him, it doesn’t make Him a sinner, but it makes us clean.
- (3) The song: **When His Wounded Hand Touched Mine.**
Chorus
 When His wounded hand touched mine,
 When His wounded hand touched mine;
 My Jesus sets me free through all eternity,
 When His wounded hand touched mine.
2. **Instantaneously Realized . . . Only God!** (Mark 5:30a)
“And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself the power had gone out of Him” (5:30 NKJV).
- (a) The secret mission known!

- (1) The woman's intention was to be secretly healed because of her physical ailment and the restrictions imposed as a result.
 - Irrespective of all the adverse circumstances, she was determined to touch Jesus, in order to be healed: ***"For she said, 'If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well'"*** (Mark 5:28 NKJV).
 - The fact remains that Jesus knows everything because He is God. **Beloved, Jesus being God (with every attribute) is the essential of essentials of Christianity!!** He is God incarnate but remains truly Divine!! (John 1:14. See also Luke 22:69-70; John 10:37-38; Rom. 1:3-4; 1 John 5:7-9; etc.).
 - (2) As noted here in Mark 5:30a, Divine attributes are clearly made evident including the fact that He is omniscient. In regards to His omniscience, see also John 1:48; 2:24; 13:11; 16:30; Acts 1:24; etc.
 - (3) Even within the largest crowd or under any circumstance He can distinguish His own (Ex. 33:12, 17; Jer. 1:5; John 10:14, 27; 1 Cor. 8:3; etc.); or those who desire to commit to Him or who has for the first time sincerely committing their lives, etc. . . . He knows it all!!
 - (4) Like the woman in our lesson (Mark 5:25-34), He is aware even of what is occurring within the multitude around Him. He knew us before we sought Him, when we surrendered, when we were delivered, what are our needs, etc. (Matt. 6:8; John 1:45-51, NB Vv. 48, 50; Phil 4:19; etc.). **Take it to Jesus! Take it to Jesus! Whatever it maybe! Take it to Jesus!**
- (b) Contact with God's power!
- Details not possible at this time.
- (1) Power to heal flowed from Christ immediately when the woman touched His garment.
 - **KJV:** ***"And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that virtue had gone out of Him . . ."*** (Mark 5:30a).
 - In the Greek "**virtue**" refers to "**miraculous power**". Power to heal.
 - **NKJV:** ***"And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him . . ."***
 - Similar application of the word "**virtue**" (KJV) or "**power**" (NKJV), is found in **Luke 6:19**.
Luke 6:19 KJV
"And the whole multitude sought to touch Him: for there went virtue out of Him, and healed them all." (Emphasis mine).
 - As we discussed in Part A (Mark 5:21-24), while crowds always followed Jesus, many were there for the for the wrong reasons (Matt. 15:8; James 4:3). **Praying to God to help us is commendable, necessary, etc. but prayer is not a way for us to control God; it is a way for us to put ourselves under His control!!**
 - (2) God is immutable and He has been healing through the centuries; He is still healing/delivering/ restoring . . . victory is still found in Jesus Christ!! Many

troubled souls have experienced the healing power of God!! (Matt. 8:1-3, 14-17, 28-34; Acts 3:1-22, NB Vv. 1-10; James 4:14-15; etc.).

The Hymn: Victory in Jesus

Verse 2

I heard about His healing
Of His cleansing power revealing
How He made the lame to walk again
And cause the blind to see
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit."
And somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory.

(c) Seeking to be healed!

(1) The Gospels speak of the **sick touching Jesus** (Mark 3:10; 5:27-34; 6:56) or of **Jesus touching the sick** (Matt. 8:3, 15; 9:29-30; 20:34; Mark 1:41-42; 7:33-35; Luke 5:13; &:14-15; etc.).

(2) **It was the contact and presence of Jesus that mattered.**

- His touch has healing power because He sympathizes with our weaknesses and is the source of life and grace (Heb. 4:16).
- Our responsibility in seeking healing is to draw near to Jesus and to live in His presence (Psa. 65:4; Isa. 53:1-3; Heb. 10:19-22; etc.).

F. Divine Acknowledgment Mark 5:30b-34.

1. **Enquiry In Order to Encourage and Acknowledge** (Mark 5:30b-31)

" . . . and said, 'Who touched My clothes?' But His disciples said to Him, 'You see the multitude thronging You and You say, Who touched Me?'" (5:30b-31 NKJV).

(a) **Touching Christ! The awesomeness of the experience!!**

(1) In Part A of this lesson (Mark 5:21-43), we briefly referred to **"The Touch of God"**; note the following taken from Page 12 (i.e., Part A Mark 5:21-24):

"The touch of God in essence, is God's power contacting us to influence or change our lives. He could touch our bodies, hearts or even circumstances; this Divine touch can occur as we receive the Word, pray or when someone ministers to us."

(2) **"Who touched My clothes?"** (Mark 5:30b): This He said, not to obtain information.

- Christ, being omniscient knew that healing power had flowed from Him and must have known on whom it was conferred! **Remember, "Nothing takes God by surprise!!"**
- A. T. Robertson (a N.T. scholar) says that Jesus words may be interpreted as saying: *"Who touched Me on My clothes?"*

In essence, her goal wasn't to touch the clothes of Jesus, but to touch Jesus. The clothes just happened to be the part of Jesus she could touch.

- **Virtue** (power and life) went out from Jesus unto her . . . the hopelessness that confronted her was now removed!!

- When a person places his faith in Jesus and His power, it touches Jesus, and Jesus infuses His virtue (His power and life) into that person.
- **That is what life and salvation are all about: the infusion of God's virtue, power and life into the spirit of man.**
(Mark 5:30; 1 Peter 1:23; John 17:2-3).

(b) Thronged by the multitudes

- (1) As discussed in Part A (Mark 5:21-24) the multitudes always followed Jesus for mixed reasons (example see Pages 5-7)
- (2) The disciples in responding to Christ's question: **"Who touched Me?"** (Mark 5:30b KJV); were amazed that Christ raised such a question considering the multitude thronging Him.
 - The disciples did not understand the difference between **casual contact** with Jesus and **reaching out to touch Him in faith**.
 - The disciples were unaware of what it cost Jesus to minister.
 - They were insensitive to the spiritual energy He was exerting.
 - They were ignorant of what Jesus was doing . . . one example: compare Matt. 8:17 with Isa. 53:4. He was and is the **"Burden Bearer"** ... John 19:17.
 - Christ was also teaching that public confession of Him was important as briefly discussed below.

2. Encouraged – She Testified of Her Experience (Mark 5:32-33).

"And He looked around to see her who had done this thing. But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth." (5:32-33 NKJV).

(a) Caring, compassionate Savior! (5:32).

(1) **" . . . He looked around to see her . . .": Jesus saw the woman!**

He saw her desperation! He saw the depth of her confession!
He saw her hopelessness! He saw her desperate and most urgent need!
His heart went out to her from the depths of His tender compassion and constant care for the needy!!

- Beloved, He cares! Oh yes, He cares! He cares for all, no matter how rejected, cut off, ostracized, whatever it may be, nevertheless, He cares!!
 - A person may be considered unclean, dirty, polluted, contaminated, lost forever; but that person is precious to the Lord! His heart goes out in tenderness and care to the greatest sinner (Heb. 4:15-16).
- (2) **He saw her!** He didn't need anyone to inform Him for He had His eyes upon her.

Matthew Henry Notes:

Christ passed by the affront (affront: offense, violation, humiliation, etc. . . . insert mine) and looks around to see her that had done this thing; not that He might blame her for her presumption, but that He might commend and

encourage her faith, and by His own act and deed might warrant and confirm the cure, and ratify to her that which she had surreptitiously obtained (surreptitiously: secretly, privately, etc. . . . insert mine)."

(3) Another quote from Matthew Henry:

"As secret acts of sin, so secret acts of faith, are known to the Lord Jesus, and are under His eyes. If believers derive virtue from Christ ever so closely, He knows it and is pleased with it."

(b) Confession freely and publicly made (Mark 5:33).

(1) Questioning who touched Him and looking at her, helped the woman to make a confession of the whole matter, so the power of her faith and the greatness of His miracle might be manifested to the praise of God.

(2) The woman confessed! She came up to Jesus, *" . . . **fearing and trembling . . .**"* (v. 33).

- She had approached Him being unclean and had not requested permission to touch Him. Nevertheless, she was still healed!
- Now that it is obvious that Christ knew the facts, she felt it was her responsibility to honestly respond to His question and identify herself.
- It may have been that she also feared that somehow her healing would be reversed if she did not confess to Him. As a result, she gave Christ a full account of her experience (Mark 5:33).
- This personal acknowledgement was important so that others may know that she was healed and God glorified. Such is our responsibility to publicly acknowledge Him as a testimony before men (Matt. 10:32; Luke 12:8; etc.).

3. **Endorsed by the Savior** (Mark 5:34).

"And He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction'" (5:34 NKJV).

(a) Fatherly affection extended by Jesus.

(1) Jesus had adopted the woman. He called her **"daughter"** and thus adopted her into the family of God!

- He spoke to her in behalf of the Father and gave her the assurance that she was accepted by God.
- The fact was made evidently clear that God would help her and this was conveyed to her immediately.

(2) Note the following quote from Preacher's Outline & Sermon Bible:

"When a person really comes to God in desperation, God immediately gives a knowledge of adoption and comfort. He gives such a release from pressure and desperation that the person's spirit sigh and revels in the new found peace."

(3) See John 1:12; Rom. 8:15; 2 Cor. 6:18; Gal. 4:4-6

- (4) Another brief reference to the term **“Daughter”** (Mark 5:34): It is a word of kindness to inspire confidence and to dispel fear. Our loving, compassionate God always gives comfort and consolation because He is a source of comfort: Matt. 9:22; Luke 7:17 John 14:1, 18; 16:33; etc.
- (b) Faith endorsed and honored.
- (1) **Christ puts honor upon faith, because faith gives honor to Christ!**
- (2) **“ . . . your faith has made you well”**: His virtue (power and life) was infused into her and she was saved and made whole.
- She had feared been rebuked. However, she was wrong (as noted before). Jesus came to heal the sick physically, spiritually or any other way needed (Luke 5:31-32).
 - Irrespective of a person’s condition, even as this woman (Mark 5:25-34), Jesus’ love, care, and compassion is there for the whosoever will . . . He came to make the broken whole again (Isa. 42:16; Matt. 9:12-13; 20:28; Luke 19:10; etc.).
- (3) Christ will honor your faith – seek Him wholeheartedly and be determined to press on to your goal to make contact with Him! Let your faith be firm in Him who is able and willing!!
- Spurgeon notes:**
It is not every contact with Christ that saves men; it is the arousing of yourself to come near to Him, the determinate, the personal resolute believing touch of a needy soul.”
- (c) Fear not . . . go in peace!!
- (1) **“Go in peace, and be whole of thy plague”** (Mark 5:34c KJV)
- The NKJV: **“ . . . Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction.”**
 - **“ . . . plague”** or **“ . . . affliction”** as used here (Mark 5:34c) refers to **“disease”**; literally, **“your scourge”** . . . **“scourge”** or **“affliction.”**
 - Beloved, we have authentic proof here that Jesus also heals from moral or physical sickness. Jesus Christ is the Great Physician (example see Matt. 8:1-4, 5-13, 14-17, 28-34; John 4:43-54; 5:1-9; etc.).
- (2) Observing Mark 5:34c, two things were hereby extended to the woman: **“ . . . go in peace and be whole of your plague”** (KJV).
- **First:** Fear and trembling were taken away and she was saturated with peace.
 - **Second:** She was made whole both physically and spiritually.
- (3) See John 14:27; 16:33; Matt. 8:13; 9:29-30; Mark 9:23.
- (4) **They that are healed of their spiritual diseases, have reason to go in peace.**

For the whosoever will, anyone can sing the song **“Wonderful Peace,”** literally in their daily lives by giving it all to Jesus Christ!!

The Refrain

Peace, peace, wonderful peace

Coming down from the Father above
Sweep over my spirit forever, I pray
In fathomless billows of love.

No one has to carry that heavy burden of hopelessness and despair whether it's for one year, six years, twelve years, or whatever period it may be there is freedom in Jesus Christ the Great Physician

The refrain of His Eye Is on the Sparrow

I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I', free,
For His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.

DO NOT JUST READ THE BIBLE STUDY AND OBEY IT

2 Tim. 2:15 NKJV

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

2 Tim. 3:16 NKJV

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

MARK 5 SERIES PART 2 PART B
Review Questions

1. In our lesson, what three scenes or parts have been discussed in Mark 5:21-43 (briefly and with references)?

2. How was the woman's physical condition affected because of her prevailing hemorrhage condition (Mark 5:25-34)?

3. Base on Jewish customs at the time, how was the woman with the hemorrhage classified and what restrictions were imposed on her?

4. Briefly note four things that can lead to “**spiritual drainage.**”

5. (a) Answer True or False. (b) Explain your answer.

“The woman with hemorrhage (Mark 5:25-34) continued to experience that devastating condition because she ignored proper medical counsel and care.”

6. The woman, in our text: how was her financial condition affected because of her pro-long sickness?

7. Complete by choosing the correct answer.

One of the thoughts shared commenting on Mark 5:26b.

“When there is no hope anywhere else _____
_____.”

- (a) there is hope always in self-confidence.
- (b) there is hope in church membership.
- (c) there is hope in Jesus Christ.
- (d) there is hope in worldly things.

8. Complete the following.

This was made in reference to the woman’s determination to touch Christ (Mark 5:27b).

“With all the (a) _____ in (b) _____, she was
 (c) _____ and desperate (d) _____ call for desperate
 (e) _____ !! She (f) _____ to touch Jesus without been
 (g) _____ ! That need for (h) _____ took
 (i) _____ above everything else!”

9. Briefly explain how this woman (Mark 5:25-34) clearly demonstrates an expectant attitude.

10. Briefly explain the meaning of the following as used in Mark 5:29: (a) **“straightway”** (b) **“fountain”** (c) **“blood was dried up.”**

11. It was believed that if the woman with hemorrhage touched Jesus, He would become unclean: (a) Why that didn’t happen? (b) What lesson taught about our sins laid upon Him?

12. As noted in Mark 5:29-30, what divine attributes are clearly identified?

13. Complete by choosing the correct answer.

Portion of one of the comments made in regards to "Contact with God's power."

"Praying to God to help us is commendable, necessary, etc. but prayer is not a way to control God; it is a way for us to _____."

- (a) put others under our control.
- (b) put ourselves under His control
- (c) remind God what we need.
- (d) daily remember what we need.

14. Knowing that healing virtue had gone out of Him, Christ asked: **"Who touch Me?"** How the question was of help to the woman He healed?

15. Observing Mark 5:34c, what two things Christ extended to the woman healed?
