THE MIGHTY MASTER

PART 3 – OVER THE PHYSICAL REALM

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**TEXT: Mark 5:21-34**

**INTRODUCTION**

This section of Mark's Gospel is filled with impossible cases

It has been called, by some, the Home of the Hopeless

… Because there are four impossible, hopeless situations recounted in **Mark 4:35-5:43**

Each case was thought to be Hopeless

We have already looked at the Troubled Sea, and the

Tormented Sinner

The disciples thought they were going to die in the storm in **Mark 4:38**, but Jesus was able to calm the storm with just a simple command

And No one could tame the demoniac, but Jesus set him free from his bondage

We will be looking at a Traumatized Sufferer and the Tragedy of a Schoolgirl in our next 2 Lessons

In the Troubled Sea we saw Jesus as the Mighty Master over the Natural Realm

In the Tormented Sinner we saw Jesus the Mighty Master over the Spiritual Realm

As we move through the rest of the events in this chapter

We will soon discover that Jesus is more than adequate for every situation

There are no incurables with Jesus

There are no hopeless situations with the Lord!

Your situation is not hopeless!

Your loved ones are not hopeless!

And beginning today we will look at Jesus being the Mighty Master over the Physical Realm

Today we will consider the account of the healing of diseased woman

This portion of Scripture is a parenthesis in the action

Jesus is on His way to heal the daughter of Jairus and He is interrupted as He goes by this woman who comes and touches the hem of His garment

As Jesus was walking, He was thronged by a crowd

The people were pressing in on Him

But in the crowd that day there was a weak, timid, dying woman who reached out and touched Jesus Christ

When she did, her life was Instantly, Completely and Permanently Transformed

People need the Lord, they need a Transformation

People need their lives to be radically changed

That Transformation can happen, if they will just touch Jesus!

Let's begin today by looking at …

**“The Amazing Power of Simple Faith”**

**~~~Prayer~~~**

First, let’s look at …

**I. THE WOMAN’S “DISEASE” – vs. 24-26**

In **vs. 21-23** we see Jesus returning from the other side of the Sea of Galilee and the healing of the Demon possessed man

Again immediately after getting out of the ship He is met

This time by a crowd of people

And specifically, the Bible tells us a Ruler of the Synagogue by the name of Jairus was in that Crowd

He pleads with Jesus to come and heal his daughter

**v. 24** tells us that as ***“Jesus went with him; and much people followed Him, and thronged Him”***

But while Jesus is going with him, something else happens

He is met by a Sick Woman in the Crowd

First, let’s look at …

**A. Her ‘Ailment’ – v. 25**

***“And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years,”***

We are told that she suffered from **“*an issue of blood*”**

This literally means that she was hemorrhaging, or bleeding, from some part of her body

The word **“*issue*”** means *a flowing of blood*

Whatever may have caused this internal hemorrhage, she was a very sick woman

The verb tense indicates that it was a continual flow of blood

**B. Her ‘Agonies’ – v. 26**

***“And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse”***

This constant bleeding would have caused this dear woman untold suffering

Let’s look at how she may have suffered

**1.** Physically

From the constant blood loss, this poor woman would have been weak and anemic

She would have been pale

She would have had no energy

The least of efforts would have worn her out

The word **“*plague*”** is the same word that is translated **“*whip*”** elsewhere

Her disease was like a scourge, constantly beating her down, day by day!

**2.** Medically

We’ve all heard of the quack doctors out there

We are told that she had tried all the remedies of all the physicians of her day

We are told that she **“*suffered*”** under their care

An example of their *medical* techniques can be found in the Talmud

(The writings of Jewish civil and ceremonial law and legend)

There are eleven remedies prescribed in the Talmud

Some are potions, most are simply superstition

Everything from carrying various concoctions of herbs; to frightening the sufferer; to having them stand over a ditch while someone says “*Arise from thy flux*” may have been suggested as a possible cure

One remedy even called for someone to carry an ear of corn taken from the dung of a white donkey

With that kind of prescribing going on …

It’s not hard to imagine the kinds of indignities those doctors may have put her through

**3.** Socially

She almost certainly was not married, because through physical contact, she would defile her husband (We’ll see why in a minute)

If she had ever been married, her husband would have been probably divorced her

She could not work around others because of the danger of defilement

This reduced her to a life of begging scraps of food from a distance

Her condition left her on the fringes of society

**4.** Emotionally

Since the Bible says that she had been this way for 12 years, and considering the average life span in those days,

It is safe to assume that she has probably been this way since just after puberty

She has lived her life moving from one rejection to another

She is lonely, isolated and desperate!

**5.** Religiously

Listen to what the Law says - **Lev. 15:19, 25-27**

***“And if a woman have an issue, and her issue in her flesh be blood, she shall be put apart seven days: and whosoever toucheth her shall be unclean until the even” “And if a woman have an issue of her blood many days out of the time of her separation, or if it run beyond the time of her separation; all the days of the issue of her uncleanness shall be as the days of her separation: she shall be unclean” “Every bed whereon she lieth all the days of her issue shall be unto her as the bed of her separation: and whatsoever she sitteth upon shall be unclean, as the uncleanness of her separation” “And whosoever toucheth those things shall be unclean, and shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even”***

This woman was to be considered unclean

Anything or anyone that she touched was also considered unclean

The reason why she was probable not married

As a result, she could not mingle with people in public, lest she cause them to be defiled

She couldn’t even go to the Temple, because she was unclean

**6.** Financially

The Bible tells us that she had **“*spent all she had*”**

The doctors and their useless remedies had not helped her

All they had done was drain her bank account dry

**Leviticus 19:11 *– “Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another”***

She has been left penniless and destitute

**C. Her ‘Anguish’ – v. 26**

The end of **v. 26** says that she only ***“grew worse”***

After all the years, all the doctors, all the times she had hoped the next remedy would be the one that would have worked for her,

She has now come to the place where she knows she is living under a death sentence

She will not get better, but she will die from this disease

What she has will kill her

Her life is literally draining out of her body little by little, day by day

**D. Thought**

I wonder how many people can identify with this poor woman

Maybe they don't have her illness, but like her, they are filled with suffering and sorrow

She does picture two types of people

**1.** The Lost Person

This woman paints a clear picture of every person who does not know Jesus Christ as Saviour

The lost are also defiled by a blood disease

They inherited this disease from Adam

**Romans 5:12 –** ***“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned”***

This is a condition that has plagued the lost person since he or she entered this world

**Romans 3:10, 23 *– “As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:” “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;”***

**Galatians 3:22 *– “But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe”***

It’s a condition made no better despite all the efforts of the sinner

Many lost people spend their entire lives searching for meaning and help for their condition,

But instead of getting better they only get worse;

They only get harder in their hearts and more deeply rooted in their sins

All the efforts at self-improvement and religion will not help their condition!

**2.** The Saved Person

She is also a picture of that believer who is laboring under a heavy burden

Many of God's children are discouraged and defeated today

You have tried everything in your power to get better

You have tried everything you know to handle your problems

You've read all the books, listened to all the preachers, and gotten advice from the best of sources, but you are no better

Your life is just as messed up as it ever was

Well, if that describes your life today, keep on listening;

Because as we watch this poor woman get the help she needs,

We are going to find out about the help we need as well

**THE WOMAN’S “DISEASE”**

**II. THE WOMAN’S “DESIRE” – vs. 27, 28**

**A. The ‘Witness She Heard’ – v. 27 a**

***“When she had heard of Jesus,”***

Somewhere, this poor woman heard about Jesus

Maybe she had heard how He had healed that leper back in chapter 1

Maybe she had heard about that wild man just across the lake that Jesus had helped, here in chapter 5

Or, maybe some other poor soul, who lived on the fringes of society due to an uncleanness of some sort, had been healed by Jesus and came in and told her about Him

No doubt she had heard that there was power in His touch

**B. The ‘Hope She Held’ – v. 28**

***“For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole”***

Regardless of where she heard about Him, she knew she had to get to Him

She had come to realize that Jesus was her only hope!

She believed with all her heart that if she could just get to Him, she would be healed

She displayed her determination to get to Jesus by approaching Him in that crowd

Knowing she shouldn’t have been there

As she elbowed her way through the people, she was causing ceremonial defilement for everyone she touched

She was taking a great risk, for if she had been recognized, she would have been subjected to public humiliation and ridicule

A crowd like that might have gotten worked up and beat her or stoned her to death

For her, it was a risk worth taking

She believed Jesus would heal her!

She had to be determined, because by the very nature of her disease,

It would have taken all the energy she had to drag herself out of her bed to struggle through that crowd to get to Jesus

She was Desperate!

**C. The Application**

Have you reached that place in your life yet?

Either in Salvation or Sanctification

Have you come to understand that Jesus is the only hope you have?

If you are in this building lost today, you need to get to Jesus!

He is the only source of salvation for you,

**Acts 4:12 *– “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved”***

**John 14:6 –** ***“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me”***

If you have never trusted Him for salvation, then you need to come to Him

Jesus is your only hope

You need to touch Him by faith!

To those of us who are saved,

And like this woman, are burdened and defeated,

We need to touch Him as well

The sooner we come to realize that Jesus is the only person Who can help us, the sooner we can get the help we need!

Listen what He says to us

**Matthew 11:28 –** ***“Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest”***

**Hebrews 4:15, 16 –** ***“For we have not an High Priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin” “Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need”***

**I Peter 5:7 *– “Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you”***

Why should you carry that burden one more step?

Why should you fight your battle even for one more minute?

Why should you live defeated for another day?

You don't have to!

Get to Jesus, He can and will help you!

**THE WOMAN’S “DISEASE”**

**THE WOMAN’S “DESIRE”**

Lastly, let’s look at …

**III. THE WOMAN’S “DELIVERANCE” – vs. 29-34**

To be **Delivered** is a transitive verb which means *to free or save somebody from captivity, hardship, or evil*

Let’s look at How this Woman was Delivered

First we see that this Woman’s Deliverance …

**A. Was ‘Powerful’ – v. 29**

After hearing about what Jesus could do, she did something about it

She came to where He was …

**v. 27 – *“she … came in the press behind, and touched His garment”***

When she was near enough to Him, she reached out her trembling hand and touched His garment

She probably touched one of the long tassels hanging from the corners of His prayer shawl

**Matthew 9:20** tells us she***“touched the hem of His garment:”***

And when she did, something powerful happened …

***“And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague”***

Then, in that very instant, she received what none of the doctors or their costly and painful remedies could give her; she was healed!

Instantly, she felt the change in her body

She knew she was a different woman!

Can you imagine what that must have felt like to her!

Next we see that it …

**B. Was ‘Personal’ – vs. 30-33 …**

**1.** It was Personal *for Her*

As soon as this woman touches Him, Jesus knows what has happened

Just for the record, He knew it would happen before it happened! (God is always previous)

He says that **“*virtue*”** has gone out of Him

This is a word that means *power*

Our modern word *dynamic* come from it

Jesus knows what has happened and He asks the question in **v. 30 - “*Who touched My clothes?*”**

Of course, there were dozens of people touching and bumping into Him at the time

A fact pointed out by the disciples in **v. 31** …

But her touch was different; it was a touch of Faith

Many touched Him, but only one touched Him by faith! – **Heb. 11:6**

Jesus sought her out because He wanted to give her more than mere physical healing

He wanted to move her beyond her superstitious faith

He wanted to bring her to the place of salvation

*Just because she was healed physically doesn’t mean she was healed spiritually*

When Jesus spoke to this woman, you will notice that she fell before Him in fear **– v. 33**

Here is the very reason she came silently from behind to touch Him, instead of coming to Him openly

She was hoping to get in and get out unnoticed

She was afraid … of the rejection!

She must have expected Jesus to lash out at her for touching Him

Her touch would have made Him ceremonially unclean until sundown

But she finds out just the opposite is true

She needn't have feared that!

Jesus was not interested in humiliating her

He was not interested in driving her away from His presence

He was not interested in preaching her a sermon on uncleanness from the Law

He was merely interested in helping her with her problem!

And, Jesus got the response from her He had wanted and anticipated

She came before Him, and bowed at His feet and confessed everything – **v. 33 b**

This was a public acknowledgment of what had happened in her heart

She was different and she wasn't ashamed to tell others about it!

Jesus wanted to move her past a small, superstitious faith to a greater, soul-converting faith

Not only was it Personal for Her … but

**2.** It’s also Personal *for Us*

Jesus was on His way to heal the young daughter of a man named Jairus **– vs. 22-24**

His little girl is at the point of death!

As Jesus makes His way to this man's house, He is surrounded by the surging crowd

Yet, in spite of the seriousness of His mission,

Jesus takes the time to stop for this woman!

At this moment, the crowd might as well not even have been there

It has come down to just Jesus and this woman

*To Him, the woman and her need were more important than anything else*

She was, for that moment of time, the sole focus and center of His attention!

This woman, cast out, uncared for and unwanted had caught the eye of God because she exercised simple, childlike faith!

Isn't that a blessing?

I believe that God, Who controls the path of every atom in every molecule in this universe,

Has time for you when you call on Him in faith

We need Never fear that He doesn't care

Never fear that He won't receive you

Do you realize that this woman could have never touched Him had He not become flesh?

You see, God became a man, in the first place, so He could die on the cross - **Phil. 2:5-8**

But, He also became a man so that He could be touched with the feeling of our infirmities,

**Heb. 4:15, 16** (look back at pg. 14)

He also became flesh so that we could touch Him!

No man could touch deity

Jesus became a man so that He could identify with us and us with Him

He became a man so that we could touch Him!

If you ever come to the place where you can summon the faith the get to Him and touch Him, you will get the help you need too!

Her Deliverance also …

**C. Was ‘Profound’ – v. 34**

***“And He said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague”***

**1.** It was Profound *for Her*

His words confirmed what she already knew had happened!

Notice that He calls her **“*daughter*”**

This is the only time Jesus ever calls a female by this name

The word signifies the fact that they are in a different relationship now

It is a word of tenderness; a word of peace; a word of acceptance

You see, she got more than physical healing that day

All her adult life, she has been an outcast, a nobody, dwelling in isolation and loneliness,

But now, she hears that she has been taken in by God!

Her faith brought her into a soul saving relationship with Jesus Christ

One minute she was an outcast, the next moment she was in the family of God! (That’s Profound!)

The word **“*whole*”** is the same word translated **“*saved*”** throughout the New Testament

It means *to be rescued from all harm and danger.*

*To be kept safe and sound*

Yes, she got a whole lot more than she bargained for that day!

**2.** It’s also Profound *for Us*

Just like this woman, all those who come to Jesus get far more than they ever bargained for

Many come to Him because they are afraid of Hell

When we come to Him, our faith is so small

We don't understand the deep things of the Word of God

We don't understand the complexities and nuances of theology

But, when our little faith reaches out to Him,

He responds by giving us everything Heaven has

Then, we begin the exciting journey of finding out about our riches in Jesus

We soon discover that we got far more than just a fire insurance policy

-- We became the children of God

**I John 3:1, 2 – *“Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not”***

***“Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is”***

-- We have a new home in Heaven

**John 14:1-3**

-- We are heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus

**Romans 8:17 *– “And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together”***

-- We have a new life

**II Corinthians 5:17 *– “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new”***

-- We are free from the power of sin to control us

**Romans 6:14 *– “For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace”***

-- We are no longer God's enemies

**Romans 8:7 *– “Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be”***

-- [We have been Reconciled](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ro+8%3A7)

**Eph. 2:12-19 …**

-- We have been fully and forever forgiven

**Colossians 2:13, 14 –** ***“And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath He quickened together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses;” “Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to His cross;”***

It also …

**D. Was ‘Permanent’ – v. 34**

He tells her to **“*go in peace*”**

His words let her know that she has done the right thing in coming to Him and touching Him

Any other man in that crowd would have been offended and angered had this diseased woman intentionally touched him, but not Jesus!

He was not afraid of ceremonial defilement, it could not touch Him!

All He knew was that a woman in trouble had exercised a grain of faith the size of a mustard seed, and He only cared for her healing!

You will also notice that Jesus did not ask for money for His services

What He did He did freely out of love and grace!

She had already been healed and she knew it,

But these final words of Jesus, **“*thy faith hath made thee whole*”,**

… Drive home the fact that she was finally and fully free from her plague

She was healed and life would never be the same ever again!

Her battle with this dread disease was forever finished!

She had received a brand new life from the hand of the Master

**CONCLUSION**

This woman experienced healing that day, not because she touched His garment, but because she exercised faith in Jesus and His power

When her faith touched His power, His power changed her life

Do you need to get to Jesus today?

There is help in getting to Him!

Whether you are lost in sin, or whether you are battling difficulty, Jesus is your answer?

If you have reached the place where all other remedies have failed, all other means have exhausted themselves and you need help right now,

I want to invite you to come to Jesus!

You know, in that crowd that day, there were dozens of people with physical, spiritual, and emotional needs

But, only one lady got any help

Dozens touched Jesus, but only one was transformed

Why? Only one person looked at Jesus through the eyes of faith

She believed He could help her and she did whatever she had to do to touch Him

When she touched Him, she was made whole!

Don't be one of those people who simply brush up against Jesus and leave unchanged

If you need help, come to Him

He has the power to change your situation

If you need help, get to Him and touch Him by faith

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