

Laying Hold of a Miracle

Mark 5: 25 *And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, 26 And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, 27 When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. 28 For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. 29 And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague.*

We are often times living in the shadow of things that for years we have tried to see ourselves free from. *Addictions, Sicknesses, Cycle situations*, aspects of our lives that never seem to change but only grow worse.

We wonder if there will ever come a time that we will know liberty. Our minds go back to the days before the calamity came and we day-dream about the joy of freedom.

We exhaust an enormous amount of time and temporal means in an attempt to see relief. We suffer through all types of anguish in an effort to be released. Doctors, Jobs, Pills, Surgeries, Seminars, & Schemes yet we are still sick, still addicted, still financially handicapped.

In the end, we find ourselves in the same situation as the woman in this story. She had expended all of her own education, energy, & economics only to find that they amounted to nothing in the final analysis.

➤ ***She came to point where she had nothing else left and God was all that she had.***

It is at this point that we begin to see the power of God manifested in our situations.

➤ One of the reasons we don't see the Lord working on our behalf is that we are too busy **spending all that we have** in order to find an answer. Maybe you need to quit running to every "doctor" in town and simply turn it over to the "Great Physician". (not saying that 'going to a doctor' is wrong – saying that many times we delay God's response because we invest more in other pursuits before we consider that "God can"!

This woman finally did and her problem was promptly dealt with!

vs27 *"When she had heard of Jesus..."*

It does take hearing the testimonial truths of His "Wonder Working Power" to cause Faith to arise and Hope to be born.

❖ Today I want you to "hear about Jesus" so that your Faith will rise up with Hope and give seed for a Miracle!

4 things that we need to know if we are going to TOUCH A MIRACLE!

1. In the Presence of Jesus is the possibility of a miracle!

Mat. 18: 20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Why go to Church? It is a place of possibilities for a miracle!

Why have Christian Friends? Their relationship is grounds for a miracle!

Why a Christian Spouse? So you have readied prayer partner for the possibility of the miraculous.

2 Cor. 3: 17 "...where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

2. *People will try to keep you from your miracle.*

Believe it or not, other people will try to keep you from getting God's best!

Mk. 5:24 *And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him.*

vs27 *When she had heard of Jesus, came in **the press** behind...*

There were many people around Jesus that day! And all wanted to see the Wonder working man from Galilee.

◆ **Be determined not to let others keep you from the power of His presence!**

They will try:

Job's Wife told him to give up!

David's brothers said he was foolish to fight the giant!

They laughed at Jesus when he went to Jairus' daughter's side!

◆ **Learn these truths...**

Others may not see what you see!

Others may not want what you want!

Others may not need what you need!

Others won't always understand nor applaud when you desire to have more of God working in your life!

You have got to remain focused on what it is that you want because there will always be those who will try to hold you back from God's Will.

3. *The Power of what you say will help you to see the miracle*

Prov. 8: 21 *Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.*

If we are constantly going around speaking

Worry, Doubt, and Fear

is it a mystery that we see no miracle?

❖ **Our spirit man is either strengthened or weakened by what it hears!**

➤ That is why it is important to read and Meditate upon the Word of God!

➤ That is why it is important to feed our minds on a proper diet of ...

(Phil. 4:8) *"... whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."*

➤ That is why it is important to **speak the truth** of God's word as your authority for life!

4. *Persistence is key*

When it mentions "the press" it is referring to the crowd and its posture of surrounding Jesus with a tight closing of bodies!

If this unnamed woman was going to see the miracle that her faith had grasped become a reality she was going to have to make her way through the crowd.

- ◆ She was no doubt weak, yet determined!
- ◆ The size of the dilemma was small in comparison to the hope of the outcome!
- ◆ The snail got to the ark through Perseverance!
- ◆ Triumph is just “ Ump” added to “TRY”!

Persistence pay-off!

James 4:2...ye have not, because ye ask not.

Luke 11:9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

*AMP: Ask **and keep on Asking** and it shall be given you; seek **and keep on seeking** and you shall find; **knock and keep on knocking** and the door will be opened to you.*

Be Persistent in seeking out those things that you truly desire!

- ◆ **How? Seek the Word and Pray the Word!** (*Pray, Pray and Pray again!*)

Pray until your circumstances change!

- ◆ **What do we need to remember?**

- ⇒ **The Power to see the miraculous is yours through Jesus Christ!**
- ⇒ **Press through press that others may provide!**
- ⇒ **Speak the Positives of the Word relative to your situation!**
- ⇒ **Persevere through the trying times!**

**...And you will Lay hold your Miracle
as the Virtue of His Healing Power Passes into your Situation!**