

Moments with the Master #3

1st Week we looked at a *transforming moment!* When Jesus touched the Leper!

Last week A TERRIFYING MOMENT – *Jesus forgives a woman caught in adultery!*

A TOUCHING MOMENT

Mark 5:22-34 NKJV

²² And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him, he fell at His feet²³ and begged Him earnestly, saying, “My little daughter lies at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live.”²⁴ So *Jesus* went with him, and a great multitude followed Him and thronged Him.

²⁵ 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.”

Intro:

Mark chapter 5 is brimming with impossible cases. It has been called the ***Bible home for incurables.***

There are three cases given in this chapter which are absolutely, humanly speaking, **hopeless and impossible**.

- There was the **Demonic Man**
- There was this **Diseased Woman**
- Then there was the **Dead Girl**.....

All three of these cases were considered impossible in the Lord's day and they still are in our own day as well.

- For instance, The Demonioc would be assigned to a **mental institution**
- This Diseased Woman would be assigned to a **terminal care unit**
- The Dead Girl would be carried somewhere and placed in a cemetery...

In Mark 5 - you discover that **Jesus is more than adequate for every situation** – **NO incurables** with him...

In every circumstance mentioned, we see that **Jesus was more than enough**:

- The man who was **demonized**, *Jesus became the **Great Psychiatrist***
- The woman who was **diseased**, *Jesus was the **Great Physician***
- The girl who was **dead**, *Jesus was the **Great Pediatrician**.*

Today, I want to consider the account of the **healing of the diseased woman**.

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

In one sense, every miracle of Jesus took place as He moved toward His greatest work: the cross.

Jesus came into this world and made His way to the cross and as He went through this world the cross was always before Him.

- Along the way there were people who were hurting
- Along the way there were people who had needs
- Jesus stopped along the way to Calvary
- **To help people** who had human needs...

As Jesus was journeying this day, people were pressing all around Him, but in that crowd ***there was a weak, timid, dying woman*** who reached out and touched Jesus Christ, when she did, ***her life was transformed***.

- There are those in this church today who need to ***reach out and touch Jesus!***
- You need a transformation in your life, if you will only ***touch Him!***
- If you ***need to touch Jesus, He is passing by here today!!!!***

Listen and learn ***how to touch Him!*** ***A Touching Moment***

I. Vs 24-26 THE HORROR SHE ENDURED

- A. **Vs 25 Her Symptoms** - 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***.
- B. **Vs 26 Her Sufferings** - A constant flow of blood, such as this, would have caused this woman ***untold suffering***.

Let's take a moment to examine ***some of the areas in which she suffered***.

1. **She Had Suffered 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*** at all.
 - ***The least of efforts would have worn her out***.
 - She would have been ***a weak, pathetic creature!***

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

- We are told that she ***“suffered”*** under their care. She suffered because those doctors weren't doctors... ***superstitious remedies***

2. **She Had Suffered Socially** - She could not be married, because, through physical contact, she would defile her husband.
 - If she had ever been married, her husband would have ***had to divorce 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***.
3. **She Had Suffered Emotionally** - Since the Bible says that she had been this way for 12 years, 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!***
4. **She Had Suffered Religiously** - Under the Law, ***this woman was to be considered unclean***.

Anything or anyone that she touched was also considered unclean.

- She ***could not*** mingle with people in public, lest she ***cause them to be defiled***.
 - She ***could not*** go to the Women's Court of the Temple, because ***she was unclean***.
5. **She Had Suffered Financially** - The Bible tells us that she had ***"spent all she had"***. The quack doctors and their useless remedies ***had not helped her***.
 - All they had done was ***drain her bank account dry***.
 - She has been ***left penniless and destitute***.
 - C. **Vs 26 Her Sorrow** - After all the years, all the doctors, all the times ***she had hoped*** this remedy would be the one that would work for her...
 - 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...***

I have no doubt she has just about given up!!!!!!!

I wonder ***how many people can identify with this poor woman today??????***

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

She paints a picture of ***two types of people*** today:

- 1. This woman paints a clear picture of every person who does not know Jesus Christ as Savior.***

You see, ***the lost are also defiled*** by a blood disease.

They ***inherited*** this ***disease from Adam***

Romans 5:12 NIV - Death Through Adam, Life Through Christ

¹²Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, ***because all sinned***

This is a condition that has ***plagued the lost person*** since they entered this world.

- It is a condition ***made no better*** despite all the efforts of the sinner.
- Many lost people spend their entire lives ***searching for meaning or purpose***
- But instead of getting better ***they only get worse***
- Their hearts only get harder and more deeply rooted ***in their sins***.
- ***All the efforts at self-improvement and religion will not help your condition!***

This poor woman was in a sad shape, but she wasn't even close to being as bad off ***as that person who is not saved by grace***.

- 2. She is 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 advise from the best of sources, ***but you are no better***.

Your life is just as messed up as it ever was... If that is you today, keep on listening...

- As we watch this poor woman **get the help she needs**
- We are going to find out about ***the help we need as well.***

II. Vs 27-28 **THE HOPE SHE EMBRACED**

A. **Vs 27 The Declaration She Heard** - Somewhere, from some source, this poor woman ***heard about Jesus.***

- Maybe she had heard how He had healed that leper.
- Or that wild man just across the lake that Jesus had helped.
- Maybe some other poor soul, who lived on the fringes of society

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

- But, **she didn't** want Him to touch her.
- **She wanted** to touch Him.
- Perhaps she had heard of Jesus from another ***that had touched His garment*** and been healed!

B. **Vs 28 The Determination She Held** - 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 had to be determined, because she demonstrated great courage by approaching Jesus in that crowd.

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

She was ***taking a great risk*** - For her, ***it was a risk worth taking!!!!***

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

She knew what Jesus would do for her if she could just get to Him!!!!

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

- It would have taken all the energy she had
- To struggle through that crowd to get to Jesus.

She was desperate!!!!

Have you reached that place in your life yet?

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

Jesus is your only hope. You need to touch Him by faith!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Others, who are saved, but like this woman are burdened and defeated, need to touch Him as well.

III. Vs 29-34 **THE HEALING SHE EXPERIENCED**

- A. **Vs 29 It Was Powerful** - When she was near enough to Him, she reached out a trembling hand and touched His garment. The word "**touched**" means "**to cling to or to adhere to**".

In other words, ***she held onto Him until she got what she came after!***

- Then, ***immediately***, in that ***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!!!!
- B. **Vs 30-33 It Was Personal** - As soon as this woman ***touches*** Him, Jesus knows what has happened.
- He knows that "***virtue***" has gone out of Him.
 - This is a word that means "***power***".
 - We get our modern words "***dynamite***" and "***dynamic***" from it.

Jesus knows what has happened and He asks the question in verse 30, “Who touched My clothes?”

- There were dozens of people touching Him And bumping into Him that day
- ***But her touch was different***, it was ***a touch accompanied by faith***.
- ***Many touched Him, but only one touched Him with the fingers of faith!***

When Jesus spoke to this woman, ***she fell before Him in fear***.

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

- She was ***afraid of rejection!***
- 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 Law***.
- ***He was merely interested in helping her with her problem!***

Jesus got the response from her ***He had wanted and anticipated***.

She came before Him, and bowed at His feet and ***confessed everything to Him***.

- 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 takes the time to stop for this woman!

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

- C. ***Vs 34 It Was Profound*** - His words confirmed what she already knew had happened! ***Notice that He calls her “daughter”***.

This signifies that fact that ***they are in a different relationship now***.

- She got more than physical healing that day.
- ***She has been*** an outcast, a nobody, ***dwelling in*** isolation and loneliness
- ***Her faith*** brought her into a soul saving relationship with ***Jesus Christ***.

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

- It means “**to be rescued from all harm and danger.**”
- Yes, she got a whole lot more than she bargained for that day!

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
- **He only cared for her healing!**

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!
- She had received **a brand new life** from the hand of the Master.

Conc:

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.**
- They will come to Jesus Christ **to get deliverance from the penalty of sin.**

But, when that person **exercises faith in Jesus and is saved....**

- They discover that they are **now children of God.**
- They discover that they are **promised a home in Heaven.**

- They discover that they are **heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus**.
- They discover that **the direction and desires of life have all changed**.
- They discover that they **are free from the power of sin** to dominate them.
- They discover that they are **no longer God's enemies**.
- They discover that **all of this took place** "by grace through faith".
- They soon discover that they have been **fully and finally forgiven of every sin and transgression**.

Maybe you are saved, but your life is anything but whole today.

Why don't you come to Jesus and get the help you need?

If you will come to Him by faith, He will help you with the trials you are facing today....

Today would be a great time to get things fixed up with Jesus!

- Do you need to **touch Him today**?
- **Jesus is your answer**?

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? Because **only one** saw Him as her only source!!!!!!!!!!!!

- She **believed** He could help her
- 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 brush up against Jesus this morning and **leave unchanged.**

If you need help, look to Him, **He has the power to change your situation**.

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

