



Session 6 Touching the Power of Jesus' Love - Mark 5:25-34

I. IS YOUR IDENTITY COMING FROM YOUR CONDITION OR YOUR POSITION?

A. “The Woman” Was Identified by Her Condition

1. This lady in Mark 5 was identified as:

Mark 5:25-26 “... a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse.”

2. In this brief introduction, we are told several things: what her condition was, how long she has been struggling with it, and the progression of her infirmity. But, we are not told her name.

3. Instead, this lady was known by her condition, a condition that caused great suffering.

Mark 5:25 (GNT) There was a woman who had suffered terribly from severe bleeding for twelve years...

4. She was suffering so horrendously from her physical condition that you can imagine how it had taken over her life, causing her to “hemorrhage” in many different ways – financially, socially, mentally, emotionally, and so much more.

B. Has Your Condition or Problem Become Your Identity?

1. Can you relate to this?

a. Where knowingly or unknowingly your condition or problem has consumed you so completely that it has defined “who you are”, giving you an identity you never wanted?

b. Where this “one thing” has devoured all your time, energy, and resources?

i. These three precious commodities have been given to you by God for you to use for Him and His kingdom and for the good plans and purposes He has for your life.

ii. If you want to discover some clues of how the enemy is trying to gain control over your life, examine how you are spending your time, energy, and resources.

iii. Do you have time to connect with God to gain His wisdom, counsel, and power in the midst of your problem? Or, are you too busy just trying to meet the demands of the problem with your own energy and resources?

2. As you talk with others or to yourself, listen to the “I am” statements, that you are saying repeatedly in the midst of the battle. Are you defining who you are, by the condition or problem you are facing? Has it become your identity? The following are samples of the negative names you may be calling yourself, according to what the enemy wants you to believe.

- Physical - I am a diabetic. I am a paraplegic. I am too old.
- Bad Habits - I am an alcoholic. I am a drug addict. I am a slob.
- Emotional - I am depressed. I am hopeless. I am worthless.
- Mental – I am stupid. I am not good enough. I am a failure.
- Relationships - I am a divorcee. I am barren.

3. Take a piece of paper and write out the “one thing” - the one problem or condition that is consuming your time, energy, and resources. Write out any negative “I am” statements that you have been frequently making about yourself related to it.

C. Confessing Your Position in Christ, The Word of God, Leads to Salvation

1. Have you heard the saying, “Sticks and stones won’t hurt my bones, but names or words will never hurt me”?
 - a. If you listen to the negative names or words spoken over your life by others or by yourself because of your condition or problem, and then begin rehearsing them in your mind and speaking them out of your mouth, they will do you more harm than “sticks and stones”.

- b. Words contain power; they contain either death or life.

Proverbs 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

- c. You get to choose words of death or life for your life. God exhorts you to choose life.

Deuteronomy 30:19 ... I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life...

2. Jesus’ name is called “The Word of God.” As a Believer in Christ, you are made in the image of Jesus Himself; therefore, it is your privilege to call yourself by what “The Word of God” says about you. As you do this you will be allowing the very spirit and life of Jesus Himself to be flow in you and through you. (John 6:63)

Rev. 19:13 ... His (Jesus) name is called The Word of God.

Jeremiah 15:16 ... For I am called by Your name; O lord God of hosts.

3. You always want to be “confessing”, saying the same as, the Word of God. Notice how the following verse emphasizes three times that you are to be “confessing” the Word of God out of your mouth because it is your confession of what you believe in your heart that will bring you unto your salvation – your healing, deliverance, freedom, victory.

Romans 10:8-10 “The Word (of God) is near you, in your mouth and in your heart”...9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart ... you will be saved 10 For with the mouth confession (of the Word of God) is made unto salvation.

4. The woman with the issue of blood kept the Word of God in her mouth. The amplified Bible accurately conveys the tense of the verb “say” as “kept saying”. “Kept saying” is an ongoing continuous action. This continual confession is one of the keys that led her to her salvation.

Mark 5:28 (AMPC) For she kept saying, If I only touch His garments, I shall be restored to health.

5. As she held “fast her confession of faith” despite all the contrary evidence from her past and present situation, God’s saving grace flowed into her.

Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

6. Jesus invites you to abide in His Words and let His Words abide in you - in your mouth and in your heart. To abide means a permanent dwelling place. God desires that Jesus, the Word of God, finds a permanent dwelling place in your mouth and heart. When this occurs, notice what will happen as you ask Him for the desires of your heart – “it shall be done for you”. What abided in “this woman’s” mouth in Mark 5, initiated her healing – her salvation. (Mark 5:34)

John 15:7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

D. Continually Declare Your Position in Jesus Christ, Not Your Condition

1. You are to define yourself by your position in Jesus Christ, “The Word of God.” You may feel weak in your flesh or in your circumstances, but in Christ you are “Who He is” – you are strong!

Joel 3:10 “Let the weak say, I am strong.”

Ephesians 6:10 “...be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.”

2. When you say what God says, you are not “faking it until you make it”. Instead, you are declaring the superior reality of “Who Jesus Christ is” and “who you are in Him.” God exhorts you “to keep” the Word of God, His superior reality for you, in your heart and mouth so that you will experience the salvation He has for your life. (Proverbs. 4:20-21; Luke 8:12.)
3. Take the “one thing” you wrote on a piece of paper that was giving you a negative identity and find out what God says in the Word of God about your situation and your true identity in Christ. Once you find it, begin to declare it continually, until what the Word of God says comes to pass in your life or for those you are praying for.

The following is example of your God-given identity in Christ.

Isaiah 33:24 And the inhabitant (the one in Christ) will not say, “I am sick”; the people who dwell in it will be forgiven their iniquity.

I Peter 2:24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose (Jesus’) stripes you were healed.

Declare: I am healed and forgiven.

4. The woman with the issue of blood put her healing into the future, “I shall be made well.” Under the New Covenant of God’s grace, you don’t need to put into the future, what God has already put into the past because of Jesus Christ’s victorious work on the cross. You have been redeemed, **past tense**, from the hand of the enemy and you are now seated in Christ in the heavenly places. (Eph. 2:6)

Psalms 107:2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy.

Isaiah 43:1 “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine.

5. God has redeemed you from sickness, past tense. “You were healed” 2,000 years ago. I Peter 2:24

E. Declare Your Position: I am a “somebody” whom God loves!

1. Jesus calls you a “somebody”. In this story of the woman with the issue of blood:

Luke 8:46 Jesus said, “Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me.”

2. Jesus never calls you a “nobody.” Nobody refers to a person that does not have any significance, importance, or value.
 - a. Even though you may think of yourself as a “nobody,” don’t give into these negative thoughts.
 - b. Satan is a “nobody” and he wants you to agree with who he is. He wants you to believe that you are just like him that you are a “nobody” too.
3. God has made you a “somebody” – a somebody whom He loves! A somebody whom He gave His life for. A “somebody” whom He has and will continually pour forth His healing love and power into.
4. Don’t worry if you aren’t on the list of the “somebodies” of this world. For you are on God’s list! Mark 5 exemplifies this well-known Bible verse in John 3:16.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

- a. Jairus was a “somebody” by the standards of this world, as He was “one of the rulers of the synagogue.” But, he was also a “somebody” in God’s eyes, because he believed in Jesus. (Mark 5:22-23)
 - b. The woman with the issue of blood, probably was considered a “nobody”, a person who was not worthy of Jesus’ attention, according to the world and to the religious leaders. But, this woman in God’s eyes, was a “somebody”; she was a “whosoever believes in Him” person.
 - c. God isn’t looking for how this world classifies you, He is looking for the “whosoever’s” – the ones who will turn to His Son Jesus in their time of need, believing that He will save them.
 - d. Because Jairus and this woman both placed their faith in Jesus for healing, Jairus’ daughter was raised from the dead and this woman with the issue of blood was healed.
5. Declare: I am a somebody, because God sees me as valuable – so valuable that He purchased me with the price of the blood of His only Son Jesus Christ. When I look at what Jesus did for me, how can I doubt my worth? I am a somebody whom God loves!

F. Declare Your Position: I am a child of the most High God!

1. Jesus calls you His child - His daughter or His son - even before you might realize it yourself.
Mark 5:34 And He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction.
2. This woman was part of God’s family long before she walked in the fulness of what rightfully belonged to her as God’s child. (Lk. 15:31) It was only when she touched the hem of Jesus’ garment that she was brought into the fulness of her identity – into the fulness of what rightfully belonged to her.
3. Whatever condition or problem you are facing, take your rightful position as God’s child, beholding His love for you.

1 John 3:1 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!

II. IS YOUR CONDITION CAUSING YOU GREAT SUFFERING? IS IT ISOLATING YOU?

A. This Woman's Physical Condition Caused Her Great Suffering

1. This woman's "issue of blood" was more than likely a menstrual period that never ended. (Mk.5:25)
2. We are not told exactly how she suffered on a daily basis, but we can deduct what kind of physical suffering she might have incurred.
 - a. It could have caused her to lose physical strength and energy, a cascade of other physical problems, and a restricted lifestyle limiting the distance of where she could go and how long she could be gone.
 - b. All of her innate physical symptoms more than likely were greatly multiplied by the label, the identity, of being considered "unclean." The shame and condemnation often linked to a negative identity often creates a very harmful physiological response.
3. Her condition went unsolved by the physicians. **"...and (she) *had suffered many things from many physicians.*" Mk. 5:26** If you have ever had a condition that the physicians are trying to find a solution for, you will understand some of the suffering that this woman went through as she tried all sorts of remedies recommended to her.

B. The Jewish "Law" Isolated Her from Society

1. The Jewish law declared her to be ceremonially "unclean" due to her bleeding. (Lev. 15:19-30) Because of the "law", she was considered an "untouchable", a person others could not come into contact with unless they wanted to become "unclean" also. You can imagine how this could have impacted her if she was married or if she was single.
2. Basically, this woman for 12 years of her life was ostracized from her family, friends, and society, because of the illness she suffered.
3. God did not design human beings to be isolated. During creation, God said everything He had made was good. The only thing God said was not good, was for man to be alone. (Gen. 2:18) God wants you to know that He is always with you, even if you are isolating yourself or others are isolating you.

Hebrews 13:5 For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

4. God did not design human beings to suffer from sickness and pain. This came through the fall. Jesus came into the world to redeemed mankind from both the curse of sin and the curse of sickness along with all the suffering that occurs. (Gal. 3:13) (Read Deuteronomy 28 to see all the curses you have been redeemed from.)

C. satan's lies

1. One of biggest lies satan wants you to believe is that you will never get better. You have to press beyond this lie in order to reach your God-given destiny in Jesus Christ.
2. Another lie satan wants you to believe is that you are the only one going through this type of struggle and that no one really understands. Press past this lie realizing that Jesus not only knows what you are going through, but that Jesus is there with you. (Heb. 4:15, 13:5; Ps. 23:4)

III. KEYS TO RECEIVING JESUS' HEALING LOVE AND PEACE

A. Hear “The Word of God” – “The Truth about Jesus”

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

1. In the midst of this woman's hopeless circumstance someone must have told her about Jesus and His “SUPER-Natural” love for all people. (See sessions #1- 5 in the “Love of God Heals” series.)

2. She must have heard:

Acts 10:38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

3. Because Jesus has not changed, receive the Truth that Jesus' heals and saves all who come to Him with their need. You are included in that “all”. (Heb. 13:8; Luke 9:11)
4. Receive the Truth of what Jesus accomplished on the cross under the New Covenant of grace for you. You are blessed. (Read Psalm 103:1-5 to discover how you are blessed.)

Galatians 3:13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us ... that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus.

B. Speak the Words of Faith in Jesus

1. Right after this woman heard about Jesus, she began to believe in her heart and confess with her mouth Jesus. This woman persisted in saying the same thing over and over again until “what she kept saying” became her reality.

Mark 5:28 NKJV For she said, “If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well.”

Mark 5:28 (AMPC) For she kept saying, If I only touch His garments, I shall be restored to health.

2. She activated her faith just as Mark 11:23 exhorts us to do. Three times in one sentence Jesus emphasizes the importance of “saying” to your mountain – to your condition or problem – what you expect will be done. The woman said, “I shall be made well” and she received exactly what she said.

Mark 11:23 (Jesus said) ...whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea, and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.

3. Notice, that she did not say, “I might or maybe I will be restored to health,” but rather she kept saying, “***I shall be made well.***” She made a positive affirmation of her faith void of any words that would convey doubt. The basis of her faith was Jesus. (Mark 11:22)
4. **Declare:** “I shall be made well.” “I shall touch the power of Jesus' love and receive my miracle – my breakthrough – in Jesus' mighty name!”

C. Act on the Word of God

1. This woman actively demonstrated her faith. She was not passive; she did not wait for Jesus to come to her. But, rather she pursued Jesus, until she touched His garment.

Mark 11:24 Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

2. For this woman to act on the word, it required great courage. The law insisted that she was not to touch others as that would cause them to become unclean. But, the only way she could get to Jesus was by pressing through the crowd that was “thronging and pressing Jesus”, causing many people to be touched by her. So, it was with fear and trembling that she took action to touch Jesus’ garment.

Luke 8:45 And Jesus said, “Who touched Me?” When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, “Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, ‘Who touched Me?’ ” ... 47 Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling...

3. She had to be as inconspicuous as possible; otherwise, those who might recognize her might stop her because she was considered “unclean”. Therefore, this woman tried to remain “hidden”.

D. Testify to Your Healing - Your Miracle

1. When Jesus asked “Who touched me?” She courageously testified in front of the whole crowd about her condition and what Jesus had done, falling down at Jesus’ feet.

Mark 5:33 But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth.

2. After giving her testimony Jesus responds:

Mark 5:34 ... “Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction.”

3. Her testimony ignited faith, causing many people to receive healing in the same fashion she did, opening many people’s hearts to receive the power of Jesus’ love.

Mark 6:56 Wherever He entered, into villages, cities, or the country, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged Him that they might just touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched Him were made well.