

How God Honors Our Faith

Mark 5:25-34

- I. **The Woman's Plight (Mark 5:25-26)**
 - A. Physical suffering through bleeding for 12 years
 - B. Emotional suffering as it got worse, not better
 - C. Financial suffering through spending all her money
 - D. Social suffering through being ceremonially unclean
 - An unclean person made other people unclean by touching them (Leviticus 15:25-31; Haggai 2:10-14).

- II. **The Woman's Faith and Healing (Mark 5:27-29)**
 - A. Her Immature Faith: The woman had an immature faith –thought healing was based on touching Jesus' clothes.
 - B. Christ's Amazing Grace: Jesus honored her simple faith and healed her.
 - Asking is key to receiving (Matthew 7:7-8; James 5:16).
 - Jesus was not made unclean by the woman. Rather He made her clean – like salvation today (Romans 3:22).

- III. **The Woman's Conversation with Jesus (Mark 5:30-34)**
 - A. *Who touched me?* – Jesus knew his power was used (30-32).
 - B. *Trembling woman/whole truth* – Jesus calls out the woman and she tells Him the whole story of her suffering and desire for His healing (33).
 - Our trials and God's answers are not just for our benefit, but for the benefit of others. We must take courage to tell our story to others as a testimony of God's goodness.
 - We can be honest with God about trials (Lament Psalms),
 - C. *Your Faith has healed/saved you* (34)
 - *Daughter* – Jesus' compassion, commendation, assurance and clarification about her faith.
 - *Healed/Saved* – A word used in the Bible for both physical and spiritual deliverance. (Context determines)