

NEVER Give Up
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I. Introduction

- a. Never Give Up is an exploration of a popular Bible passage about a woman who had been suffering from a serious incurable medical condition for 12 years.
 - i. This woman had gone to many doctors and spent all her money on treatments, but only got sicker.
- b. Instead of falling under the temptation to be bitter and depressed about her situation, she still had faith that God could heal her-and He did.
- c. This passage illustrates the omnipotence or power of God to save us from any situation as long as we have faith in Him.
 - i. God has the power to suddenly change any situation around in an instant.
- d. The key to faith is never giving up, regardless of the circumstances.
 - i. If God can do it for someone else, He can do it for us.

Mark 5:25-34 [NIV]

25 And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years.

26 She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. **27** When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, **28** because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." **29** Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

30 At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?" **31** "You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?'"

32 But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. **33** Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. **34** He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

II. Keys to Not Giving Up

- a. Faith
 - i. Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen.
 - ii. Faith is having confidence in something that cannot be seen.

- b. Hope
 - i. Hope is the anticipation and expectation that something good will happen.
 - ii. People with hope know that God is perfecting things concerning them.
- c. God's Love
 - i. God's love is an unconditional choice to be patient and kind in exhaustively.
 - ii. God's love can restore broken relationships, defeat racism and division and give purpose and affirmation.
 - iii. To love like God, we must first receive His love.

I Corinthians 13:13 [NIV]

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

III. The Proof of God's Love

- a. The cross is the proof of his love.
- b. God sacrificed His only son, whom He loved, so He could restore His relationship with us.
- c. God did this, because He has never and will never give up on us.
 - i. He will never leave us or forsake us.

John 3:16 [NIV]

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Isaiah 53:5 [NIV]

But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.

John 15:13 [KJV]

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.