

He Sees Our Faith

Sin always leads to brokenness and desperation. How do we cope with it? If we think we can handle our brokenness on our own we deceive ourselves. The only way to find peace & forgiveness is to seek it openly: move in trust in Jesus, who promises to make all things new. Today we'll look at Mark 5.25-34 and discover a woman who pushed through the brokenness and shame, reached out to touch Jesus, and found the greatest peace a person can experience in this life.

I. Mark 5.25-26: The Woman's Plight

- A. Mark 5.25-26: Mark goes into the most detail.
- B. Emphatic language:
 - 1. Endured **much** under **many** doctors. She spent *everything*.
 - 2. Nothing had helped *at all*.
 - 3. Things had only become **worse**.
- C. Mark 5.29: focus on the word **affliction**. Graphic expression: suffering and shame.

II. Mark 5.27-28: The Woman's Decision

- A. Mark 5.27 - Mere superstition? Or something else?
- B. Mark 5.28: *If I just **touch** his clothes, I'll be made well*. Imperfect tense, i.e., she kept on saying it. This is the only thing on her mind.
 - 1. Luke 8.44 - she got just close enough to touch *the **end** of His robe*.

III. Mark 5.29-34: The Woman's Faith Rewarded

- A. One word: relief. 12 years of medicine didn't do it - but Jesus did.
- B. Mark 5.30 - Jesus: *Who touched my clothes?*
- C. Mark 5.33 - *Why with fear and **trembling**?* She is communicating from a wounded heart. She tells him the *whole truth*.

IV. What's In This For Us?

- A. Jesus' Power is Personal
 - 1. 5.30 - Jesus literally feels the power going out of him. For Jesus, it's personal.
 - 2. 5.34 - "**daughter**" - A term of tenderness; warmth; and intimacy.
- B. Jesus doesn't care who you are.
 - 1. No matter if you're a woman with a hemorrhage or a ruler of the synagogue.
 - 2. Galatians 3.28 - personal power or prestige gives no advantage in access.
- C. The Loathsome Nature of sin
 - 1. 5.25 - she had suffered a great deal. 5.29 - affliction.
 - 2. How amazing it is that we do not hate sin more than we do.
- D. Different Types of Followers
 - 1. 5.24 - a large crowd follows Jesus. But yet, only one follows with a deep sense of need. Only one walks away with a mighty blessing.
 - 2. 5.34 - *your faith has **saved** you*.
 - 3. Matthew 9.22 - *and the woman was made **well** from that moment*.

E. Conclusion

- 1. 5.34 - *Go in peace and be healed...*
- 2. Will you leave here in peace today? The gospel will bring you instant relief.