



Prayer Series

Part 3

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The Touch of Prayer

Mark 5:21-43, ²¹ And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. ²² Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet ²³ and implored him earnestly, saying, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her,

so that she may be made well and live.”²⁴ And he went with him. And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him.²⁵ And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years,²⁶ and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse.²⁷ She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment.²⁸ For she said, “If I touch even his garments, I will be made well.”²⁹ And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.³⁰ And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my garments?”³¹ And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, ‘Who touched me?’”³² And he looked around to see who had done it.³³ But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling 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 disease.”³⁵ While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?”³⁶ But overhearing^{lel} what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.”

³⁷ And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. ³⁸ They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹ And when he had entered, he said to them, “Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping.” ⁴⁰ And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ Taking her by the hand he said to her, “Talitha cumi,” which means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise.” ⁴² And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. ⁴³ And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.”

May the Lord add His blessing to the reading and the hearing of His Word; Amen. In Mark chapter 5, we are introduced to two separate situations that involve needing supernatural healing and it is at this juncture that we see a dynamic of the character and power of Christ made manifest. And it is with that said, that I would like to discuss our first point today...

1. Some situation in life position us to touch Jesus!

a. Mark 5:27-28, “²⁷ She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment.

²⁸ For she said, “If I touch even his garments, I will be made well.”

b. In the case of the woman with the issue of blood, her situation was prohibitive in the hands of man but not impossible for the hem of His garment.

c. She, in light of her present situation, was left with a decision: push through or remain the same. And remaining the same was not an option.

d. And like this woman in desperate need of a miracle to fix an issue that man couldn't resolve, we have to come to the place in our walk that we choose to not remain the same; that we choose to touch Him in our worship, in our prayer, in our devotion, in the power of the Holy Spirit in so that we can be forever changed!

e. Every person in the faith comes to the place where they have to choose to push through to touch the Lord and today is your day; it is my day; it is our day in Jesus name!

f. Verse 30 - 33, “³⁰ And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my garments?” ³¹ And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, ‘Who touched me?’” ³² And he looked around to see who had done it. ³³ But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth.”

g. Notice how one supernatural experience caused this broken woman to unveil the truth of her life and her brokenness after the healing virtue of Christ had triumphed over the sickness in her body.

h. We see tremendous humility and sobriety and honor to Christ being given when she had a supernatural intervention from the Lord in her life. And just as she did so must we do the same!

i. The greatest breakthroughs in life come when you choose to break through the opinions and fears of others to get your miracle; and just as this woman, we have to choose to push through the fear, and the doubt, and the worry of others opinions.

- j. Regrettably, some of us are in more bondage to the fear of others opinions than we are concerning what is wrong with us.
- k. My question for all of us today is simple: how many of us today are willing to press in to touch the Lord no matter what it takes?
- l. **Pastor Brad, can I ask for the worship team to come...**
- m. Certain moments in life drive us to touch Jesus but... point #2...

2. Other moments in life position us in so that we need Jesus to touch us!

- a. Mark 5:34-38, “³⁵While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?” ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.”³⁷ And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. ³⁸They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue,”
- b. In the case of the little girl who had died, her situation was impossible and required of the Lord to come to her.
- c. Certain situations are so perilous, so out of our control, that the only way to see a change is to see Christ step into our situation.

- d. Verse 35, “³⁵ While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?” “
- e. The sad part of this statement is they only knew him as teacher... they only identified in him what made them comfortable and did not believe enough to trust him as a miracle worker. The father of this little girl knew him as more than teacher but notice the lack of faith of those around him only identified him as “teacher”. Christ is more than a teacher... so much more indeed!
- f. What happens when we can't get to Him? He is willing to come to us; even when the report is bad.
- g. Notice verse 36, “But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.”
- h. Aren't you thankful that Jesus didn't write off our hopeless case when others told of our demise and to not trouble the master? Aren't you glad that Jesus didn't listen to the prognosis spoken over us and decided to speak something else? I am beyond thankful that he looked past what was wrong with me and saw what could be right with me; looked past my broken life and saw me made whole!

- i. There are times in life that we have to push through to touch Jesus and other times we are stuck therefore we need Him to step into our situation.
- j. Mark 5:39-40, “³⁹ And when he had entered, he said to them, “Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping.” ⁴⁰ And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside...”
- k. Notice how the group went from weeping to laughing when Faith was spoken into a dead situation. They laughed when Jesus spoke that the resurrection was possible.
- l. And in the case of this little girl, we have to, just as Jesus did, we have to ask some folks to leave the room, we have to remove people from our lives so we can move on. Some folks are hinderances and others are distractions.
- m. Church family, if the devil can destroy you then he will strive to distract you; and in this same manner, their presence was hindering the miracle of the resurrection.
- n. There will come a time when you have to ask unbelieving people to leave the room; when you have to refuse to allow the opinions of others to hinder your miracle moment with the Lord!

o. And church family, there are two groups of people in this room today but all of us need the Lord! Some of us need His divine touch and others of us are in a unique moment to push in to touch Him for ourselves. And no matter which group we find ourselves in, today is our day for a miracle! The Lord is in this Place!