

**I. Opening Scripture**

**A. Gal 3:1-9 NKJV** “O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified? This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? [...]”

**a. Did you receive the things you have received by working to deserve or earn them, or did you get them by the hearing of faith?**

“[...] Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh? Have you suffered so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain?

**Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does He do it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? [...]**”

**b. The miracles you have received among you, did they occur by earning them by works, or did they come by the hearing of faith?**

“[...] just as Abraham ‘believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.’ Therefore know that **only those who are of faith** are sons of Abraham. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, *saying*, ‘In you all the nations shall be blessed.’ **So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham**”

**c. Notice, the faith – hearing connection – “hearing of faith”.**

**II. What have you heard?**

*If hearing is connected to faith, and faith is connected to receiving your miracle of healing, then “What you hear” is extremely important.*

**A. The woman with the issue of blood**

**Mark 5:25-34 NKJV** “Now 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. **When she heard about Jesus**, she came behind *Him* in the crowd and touched His garment. For she said, ‘If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well.’ Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in *her* body that she was healed of the affliction. And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, ‘Who touched My clothes?’ But His disciples said to Him, ‘You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, ‘Who touched Me?’” And He looked around to see her who had done this thing. But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. And He said to her, ‘Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction’”

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1. **What had she heard? (About Jesus?) *What you've heard about Him makes a difference.***
  - a. **While the Bible doesn't record specifically what she heard, we can form a strong opinion of what she heard by her actions.**
  - b. **She must have heard:**
    - i. He heals the sick
    - ii. He is anointed to heal
    - iii. She didn't hear that His healing is selective
    - iv. She didn't hear that she might get it or she might not.
    - v. She heard of His healing willingness and power/and FAITH arose so she could receive her healing.
  
- B. **The man in Lystra who heard Paul speak**
  - **Acts 14:8-10 NKJV** "And in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother's womb, who had never walked. *This* man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, said with a loud voice, 'Stand up straight on your feet!' And he leaped and walked."
  - ***While we do not know Paul's specific message, we know that it must have included something that promoted HEALING/MIRACLES: HE certainly wasn't preaching that miracles had ceased.***
  
- C. **Faith and hearing in the ministry of Jesus.**
  1. **Luke 5:12-15 NKJV** "And it happened when He was in a certain city, that behold, a man who was full of leprosy saw Jesus; and he fell on *his* face and implored Him, saying, 'Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.' Then He put out *His* hand and touched him, saying, 'I am willing; be cleansed.' Immediately the leprosy left him. And He charged him to tell no one, 'But go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as a testimony to them, just as Moses commanded.' However, the report went around concerning Him all the more; and **great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed** by Him of their infirmities."
  2. **Luke 6:17-19 NKJV** "And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases, as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed. And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all."

**Note:** *Their healing was connected to their healing - What were they hearing?*

- They were not hearing Him tell them they couldn't be healed
- They were not hearing that the Father made them sick for His greater glory
- They were not hearing that sickness was sent to teach them something.
- They must have been hearing words that built their faith to receive their healing - *since the evidence is that they did get healed.*

**D. What have you heard?**

1. Words that encourage you toward your healing or words that discourage you from believing to be healed?
2. **What kind of preaching have you heard? *Preaching that builds your faith for healing or preaching that steals your hope of being healed?***
  - Preaching that declares – Jesus is still the healer.
  - Or preaching that says, He doesn't do these things any more.

**MANY BELIEVE GOD CAN - but do not believe He will - *This is the difference in being healed – and staying sick.***

***WHAT HAVE YOU HEARD?***

***What you hear makes the difference in being healed and staying sick***