



THE ONE WHO CAN FIX WHAT IS BROKEN

a church in the World

ABSTRACT

In life we are going to have storms, ...

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Scripture of the Day

Romans 4:13 – 21

¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness^[b] of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

Introduction

When I was young, I thought my Dad could fix anything. If I broke my bike, or my glasses, or the lawnmower or when I put a hole in the wall I knew my Dad could fix it. Because you know what, he did.

However, as I got older I learned my Dad couldn't fix everything and there was only One who had the power to restore anything that was broken and I am excited to share a story about Him today.

Body

Mark 5:24 – 34

²⁴And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him. ²⁵And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, ²⁶and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. ²⁸For she said, “If I touch even his garments, I will be made well.” ²⁹And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my garments?” ³¹And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, “Who touched me?”” ³²And he looked around to see who had done it. ³³But 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."

The Suffering

As always we need to try to put ourselves in the shoes of the person we are learning about. There are four major points I want us to see:

1. Try to imagine that you have been bleeding nonstop for 12 years.
2. In trying to get well, physicians (who were not that good back then) had made her suffer more.
3. So she is still bleeding, she has had additional pain from the treatments, she is now destitute, and in addition, her condition is worse from the treatments.
4. In paying for the physicians, she had used up all of her resources.

Close your eyes and imagine you are in this woman's position in the 21st century. However, it is even worse. We now have to go back and try to immerse ourselves in the culture of a 1st-century Jewish woman:

Leviticus 15:25-27

²⁵ "If a woman has a discharge of blood for many days, not at the time of her menstrual impurity, or if she has a discharge beyond the time of her impurity, all the days of the discharge she shall continue in uncleanness. As in the days of her impurity, she shall be unclean. ²⁶ Every bed on which she lies, all the days of her discharge, shall be to her as the bed of her impurity. And everything on which she sits shall be unclean, as in the uncleanness of her menstrual impurity. ²⁷ And whoever touches these things shall be unclean, and shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water and be unclean until the evening.

So this woman is unclean all of the time. We are talking about 12 straight years she is unclean. We cannot understand what that means here in 2025, so let me try to give you some historical perspective:

Such a condition made someone ritually impure. A woman with her condition could not go to the temple or the synagogue and was ordinarily confined to a single room at home. People would have avoided all physical contact with her and anything she touched. Because her bleeding was long-term and intercourse was forbidden in such circumstances, she was probably divorced (if she had ever been married) and destitute. This was a kind of social death.

Close your eyes again and try to imagine that this is your life...

I cannot imagine. When I really think about the suffering she has gone through, I am amazed she is still alive. So we go to verse 27, and we see that she has heard reports about Jesus.

Tell People About Jesus in Your Life

I do want to make a point here, where it is essential for us as followers of Jesus to tell people what Jesus has done in our lives, because we never know who might hear it and believe.

A Biblical Hope

These reports gave her hope, but not how we think about hope, but the hope discussed in the Bible.

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

You see that word, 'assurance'? A Biblical hope is an assurance of something that will happen. Not maybe, but a certainty. This woman wasn't hoping like we use the word hope in the 21st century here in America, this woman knew, she was certain, that if I just touch Jesus' cloak, I don't even need to touch Him, just His clothes, I will be healed. I will be made whole. My life will be restored.

Are You Willing to Go Against Culture for Jesus?

Now, understanding the culture of that time, I hope you see that if she wanted to touch Jesus' cloak, she was going to have to go against her culture. She was not allowed to be outside with people. Anyone she touched, she would make them unclean, and that was illegal to do. To do this, she risked public shunning and possible excommunication from her community. However, she was willing to do it.

She was desperate to be restored. She was desperate to be whole again. She would do anything to get to Jesus. Is that our heart? The problem for us is that we think we are OK. We are not in a situation like this woman, so we don't see the need for Jesus like this woman knew she had. However, if we are without Jesus, our need for Jesus is just as great, if not greater. Are we willing to go against our culture, our friends, and/or our family so we can have Jesus?

Do we see the need in ourselves to give up everything for Him?

Take Aways

Give Up Everything

This woman knew her need and was willing to give up everything. And she did touch His cloak and she was healed. Now she was hoping she could do that and go back without being noticed, but Jesus did not allow that.

When you give up everything for Jesus, it is not to be kept secret. As mentioned earlier, this woman found out about Jesus because people had been talking about Him and she had heard the reports. So this woman, knowing that she had been healed, knew that Jesus was asking about her.

Her fear is understandable based on what we have discussed before. She had broken the Law of Moses by coming out and making everyone she touched ceremonially unclean. She now believed that she would be punished for this by the teacher, Jesus. But, as we know, Jesus came to fulfill the Law, and instead of Jesus being ceremonially unclean, the power of God made her clean through her faith.

It didn't matter how broken this woman was. It didn't matter how long it had been. She had faith in the power of God that healed her, but not just physically, but emotionally, socially, totally.

It is the same for anyone within the sound of my voice. You are never too far away from Jesus for Him to heal you and make you whole.

Be willing to come to Him no matter the cost.

For Our God has the Power to Restore What Was Broken.