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TITLE: A touch of Deliverance, when you encounter Jesus.

TEXT: Mark 5: 25-34

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Introductory statement:

The author of the second gospel according to Mark is the only book among the four synoptic gospels which explicitly details the work of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. He is mentioned more here than any other gospel. According to this gospel, Jesus is the Son of man in whom and by God appeared in the World. Of all the four Gospels, the book of Mark is the shortest, it contains stories about Jesus, his teachings, travels, and other things that makes those a part of his understanding of how Jesus' life worked and what it was intended to do. The book aimed to equip such Christians to stand faithful in the face of persecution. There are times in life when people face many challenges, sometimes the enemy puts us in situations that may cause us to be isolated from the world. Whether the enemy's attacks are physical, social, spiritual, financial or relational barriers, the results may end up as depression, stress, anxiety and other problem emotions. In our difficult times, we feel alone and misunderstood.

Interrogation:

When this happens, what can you do to make your deliverance from these situations possible?

Big Idea Proposition:

All it takes is bold faith, believing that Jesus is able to change your situation, if you trust in him.

Transitional statements:

We see an example of this exact testament with the “bleeding woman” in the story of Mark 5: 25-34 the struggles that she faced. I would like to share with you four reasons why we should reach out to Jesus in faith in our difficult times.

1- The difficulties she faced:

Verse 25,26

a) Her infirmity

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A woman whose name is not mentioned had an issue with a hemorrhage for twelve years. Her pain was not limited to the physical aspect of her disability only, but she also suffered socially. She was considered unclean according to Leviticus 15:27, and she had little contact with other people, even family members. The fact that she wasn't given an identity shows how true this statement She lived a life of complete isolation.

b) Her unbalance life :

Verse 26

She suffered financially, spending everything she had in the hope of being healed. All of this undoubtedly led to emotional suffering. People today are exhausting their efforts and resources in search of joy and real peace just as this woman, but despite everything she had lost and been through she had one last option: faith in the Lord. She was desperate and sought the Lord by faith. Unfortunately, most of the time, their lives do not improve because people let fear and anxiety take over, but Jesus is the only answer to the worries and problems of life. Many today try one vice or one pleasure after another in hope of finding rest and peace, but the solution they are looking for cannot be found.

2- Her Determination to Heal

Verse 27,28,29

Transition Statement:

Despite the gravity of her condition, she had not completely given up. She was determined to receive healing.

a) The Challenge of Overcoming Obstacles:

Verse 27

Although her condition continued to worsen, she had not completely given up. She was determined to receive healing. She did not have an intimate relationship with the Lord, She did not go to the Synagogues or to the churches to pray to God, but her faith in God which operates everything exceeded everything.

b) Her commitment

Verse 27.28

She could have gotten discouraged by the crowd and the difficulty of getting through the crowd, but she kept her eyes fixed on Jesus. She had to overcome the obstacle before her if she wanted to reach the Lord. After hearing about Jesus, she pressed through the crowd and touched his garment. In this world where we live the opponent will ensure that there are obstacles in your way. How can we relate to this today? One of the most recent obstacles God's children has endured is the devastating pandemic known as the Coronavirus. With the news, the rumors, death capacity, the fears, anxieties and more it is easier to get discouraged or stray for God. This is where we must have bold faith despite everything around us, to press through the battles and situations and keep our eyes on Jesus.

3) The Deliverance She Received:

Verse 29-34

Transition Statement

Here we discover the great deliverance she received from the Lord.

a) There is power in Jesus to heal:

Verse 29

In numbers 15:40 it tells us “to be holy to your God”. Immediately after touching the

garment she felt immediate healing within her body. The Lord is not limited to physical healing because He has all the power to meet all our financial, relational, social and moral needs but the most important was the salvation of her soul. He raises us from the binds and from the death of sin to eternal life in Him. If you need it today, come to Jesus by faith!

b) An Omniscient God

Verse 30

In God's Omniscience, He knew how to recognize a touch of faith immediately despite the eagerness of the crowd. He felt that a force had come out of him, so He turned to the press and said: "Who touched my clothes? Jesus knew someone had touched him by faith. He knew someone had believed in the faith! The Bible tells us in **Hebrews 11: 1** " That faith is a firm assurance of the things we hope for and a demonstration of that which we do not see" When you get close enough to touch the Lord by faith, I assure that he will know and respond. He will not let a touch of faith pass without notice. **Psalm 37: 5 tells us**, "commit your faith to the Lord, put your trust in him, and He will act." **Psalm 34:16** "For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayers."

c) The woman's testimony and her permanent deliverance:

Verse 33, 34

The woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell before him, and told him the whole truth. She also made a public confession that Jesus has the power to heal, to liberate, to understand and to save. We too must be willing to confess the goodness and the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. There have been many times that He has answered my prayers. The least I can do is praise Him publicly and advertise His wonders. The greatest joy we can have is when we have peace with him.

Saying, Daughter, your faith healed you; " go in peace and be healed of your pain ". Imagine the

peace and comfort she felt after these long years of suffering. His faith had brought immediate and lasting healing. She would no longer be forced to live a life of despair and suffering. There is nothing greater and more important in the life of a Christian than to believe by a touch in faith 1. Only we can be delivered from all our evils, especially in this difficult moment where we live when the pandemic “coronavirus.” is doing a catastrophic damage . By faith, healing and hope can be found in Jesus.

4- He can change any troubles you are facing in life:

Mark 9:23 Jesus said to him “everything is possible for him who believes.

a) The impossible touch of deliverance, become possible when encountering Jesus

Things were hopeless for this woman, but by faith she received deliverance. With such a large crowd, In Matthew 9:21 “She touched the edge of her clothes saying according to the laws of the Old Testament that she not only wanted healing, but also prepared to keep her commandments. I am sure there are various needs among us. Our Lord is not limited to a particular need. He is the best doctor above all doctors. One of His strangest cases is recorded for us in this story we have before us today. In this case, Jesus the greatest doctor didn’t touch the patient. He didn’t

prescribe any big name medicines that we can't pronounce . He didn't even make a diagnosis, but He heals His patients nonetheless. This text paints a picture for us of what happens when any sick soul visits the office of the Greatest Doctor .

Do you need a miracle in your life? Whatever your needs, whatever miracle you seek in your life today, He has the power to do everything.

b) A compassionate Jesus

Matthew 28:18 Jesus says “all power has been given to me in heaven and on earth”. If you need healing, deliverance, if your heart is broken, and you feel disappointed, and empty, come to Jesus now, for He will meet all your needs. He can help you overcome fear and worry and give you joy. Why don't you trust him and believe in him today for your miracle? What you ask of God may seem impossible to others, but just remember that one touch can change your whole life because nothing is impossible or too much hard to do for God.

Conclusion

So when you feel like hope is gone think of the story of the bleeding woman who had faith! The difficulties she faced. She was so determined to heal by overcoming her challenges and her commitment to be healed. Allow the permanent deliverance she received when she encountered Jesus and to increase your faith. Everything is possible in Christ only if you believe. Nowadays we have already lost a sense of our freedom ; we are limited in our way of life where we cannot go to church, the market, or restaurants, and life has completely changed, because of this pandemic known as the coronavirus. It really amazes me when I hear about doctors doing everything they can to help improve the health of a patient and come to the conclusion that he can do nothing else. It is usually at this point that the doctor turns around and says, “We have

done everything we know. All we can do now is pray." Well, there is one doctor that never gives up, who has never lost a patient, who doesn't care about insurance or any of your previous issues. He is able to heal, offer hope, restore strength and save from sin. He is in the midst of everything and never gets tired. Are you ready to come before him and receive the help that only He can bring? If the woman had not received a contact from the Lord, her infirmity would have remained. There is help for you today, but you must be ready to come to Jesus to receive it. Why not come and get the help you need!

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