

Women of the Word

A Woman of Faith

Lesson 17

FIRST DAY: Review and Overview

1. Review the lesson on Dorcas by reading Acts 9:36-42. In what way is she an example for you?
2. This week's lesson centers on an ordinary woman with extraordinary faith. We will study the details of her encounter with Jesus from Mark and Luke. Acquaint yourself with her by reading Matthew's concise account in Matthew 9:20-22. What particular aspect of this story stands out to you?
3. Begin your lesson with prayer. Ask the Lord to teach you from the study of His Word and to enable you to apply what you learn to your life. Write your prayer here.

For I have touched the hem of His garment and His power has made me whole.

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SECOND DAY: Read Mark 5:25,26

1. Walk with this certain woman of Mark 5:25,26. Describe the desperation of her condition by listing phrases from these verses. Use other versions if you desire.

a. Pastor Chuck says, Under the law of Moses she was unclean. Her husband could not touch her. She could not enter the place of public worship. Whatever she touched became unclean. She had been living in the shadows for twelve years. She had only one hope. What was that hope?
Mark 5:28

Selah.

2. What additional information concerning her physical condition does Doctor Luke provide? Luke 8:43b

3. Perhaps this story has become so familiar to you that it has lost its impact. PAUSE HERE to absorb the impossible and tragic circumstances of this woman's life. How do you think you would have reacted to this if it had been you?

4. If you didn't know the rest of this story, how depressing and hopeless this would be. What changed her outlook? Mark 5:27a

*Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
there's just something about that Name.
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THIRD DAY: Read Mark 5:27-29

1. How in the world did this woman hear about Jesus? Matthew 14:35,36 may provide a clue. What does it say?

a. Medicine and men had failed this suffering woman, but when she heard about Jesus what did she do? Mark 5:27 Selah.

2. So often in our hopeless circumstances we are consumed with negative thinking. From Mark 5:28 what was she thinking?

a. What does her statement reveal about her?

(1.) What can you learn from her example of faith?

3. Since Jesus is not physically walking on earth today, how do we touch the hem of His garment, so to speak?

a. What would prevent us from reaching out to Him?

b. Briefly share an experience when you have done this, if not too personal.

4. Contemplate the glorious result of her touch of faith as you fill in the key words from Mark 5:29:

And _____ the fountain of her blood was _____; and she felt in her _____ that she was _____ of that plague. Selah

a. Compare this miracle with her twelve years of suffering. Share some of the blessings she would now experience.

Jesus, Your name is power. Jesus, Your name is might.

Jesus, Your name is healing.

Jesus, Your name is life.

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FOURTH DAY: Read Mark 5:30-32

1. Special blessings await us in today's study as we focus most of our attention on Jesus. For a fuller picture of what Jesus said and did, read and compare Mark 5:30-32 with Luke 8:45,46. Share what captures your attention the most and why.

2. Focus on the phrase in Mark 5:30, *virtue (power) had gone out of Him*. This does not mean His power was depleted, but was appropriated. Share a way you have experienced Jesus' power.

3. Notice the disciples' reaction in Mark 5:31 to Jesus' question. The word thronging indicates that the people were physically being pushed against Jesus. In light of this, why do you think Jesus asked, "Who touched Me?"

4. Although Jesus was responding to a crisis at the house of Jairus, a very important person (Mark 5:22-24), He stopped for an encounter with an ordinary woman. Ponder this as you write what Jesus did according to Mark 5:32.

- a. What does this say to you about Jesus?

FIFTH DAY: Read Mark 5:33,34

1. The woman who had tried to remain anonymous was exposed! Imagine her thoughts and mixture of emotions as you observe her demeanor and conduct from Mark 5:33. Describe what you see.

- a. What does Luke 8:47 add to this?

(1.) Notice that she declared unto Him before them all the people her testimony of healing. How might this have impacted the people crowded around them?

(a.) We as believers need to speak out about what God has done in our lives. Speak to someone this week, even if it is only one sentence.

2. Concentrate on Jesus' response to this woman's confession by reading Mark 5:34. Thoughtfully print His words to her.

a. Record what Luke 8:48 adds to this.

b. Consider what it must have meant to her to have Jesus speak these words to her. Do you realize He speaks to us today? Share ways He speaks to you as His daughter.

3. Meditate for a moment on the words: comfort (cheer), wholeness and peace (Luke 8:48). Think about the contrast in her life before she met Jesus-the infirmity, humiliation, rejection and pain with the comfort, wholeness and peace she received when she met Jesus. Now think about your life before and after your encounter with Jesus. How has it changed?

Since I met my blessed Savior Since He cleansed and made me whole, I will never cease to praise Him. I'll shout it while eternity rolls. -selected

SIXTH DAY: Review

1. Reflect on the amazing encounter between Jesus and this woman. Write what impressed you most about:

a. the woman

b. Jesus

2. How has the example of this woman affected your faith?

3. Jesus is sometimes referred to as the Great Physician. In faith this woman reached out to Jesus seeking healing. She received more than she sought. What more did she receive?

4. How has your study this week encouraged you to reach out to Jesus with your needs?

5. In what way has your lesson challenged you to witness of the Lord's power in your life?

But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

Hebrews 11:6