

## TWELVE YEARS AN OUTCAST MARK 5:25-34

### 1. This woman had a problem!

**Mark 5:25** And a certain woman, **which had an issue of blood twelve years,**

Actually she had **2 problems**:

A. One known & obvious: an illness, an issue of blood

B. One unknown / partially known: sin

**Romans 3:10** As it is written, There is **none** righteous, no, not one:

**Romans 3:23** For **all** have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

**1 Kings 8:46** If they sin against thee, (**for there is no man that sinneth not,**) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captives unto the land of the enemy, far or near;

**Ecclesiastes 7:20** For there is **not** a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth **not**.

### 2. A long-term problem with long-term consequences!

**Mark 5:25** And a certain woman, **which had an issue of blood twelve years,**

**Mark 5:29** And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that **plague** (μάστιγος).

**Mark 5:34** And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy **plague** (μάστιγός).

12 Years!

Plague (sometimes translated illness) **μάστιξ, ἵκος** = whip, lash. When used metaphorically it means torment, suffering, illness in the extreme, agony related to the illness

We humans do well & can tolerate most anything for the short-term! Months? Years? 12 years?

The issue was extreme:

- **Physical:** an issue of blood that wouldn't go away!
- **Ceremonial:** with this issue of blood she couldn't go the temple, attend synagogue, or really approach God

**Leviticus 15:19** And **if** a woman have an issue, **and** her issue in her flesh be blood, she shall be put apart seven days: and whosoever toucheth her shall be unclean until the even. **Leviticus 15:20** And every thing that she lieth upon in her separation shall be unclean: every thing also that she sitteth upon shall be unclean. **Leviticus 15:21** And whosoever toucheth her bed shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, **and be unclean** until the even. **Leviticus 15:22** And whosoever toucheth any thing that she sat upon shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, **and be unclean** until the even. **Leviticus 15:23** And if it be on her bed, or on any thing whereon she sitteth, when he toucheth it, **he shall be unclean** until the even.

**Leviticus 15:25** And **if** a woman have an issue of her blood many days out of the time of her separation, or **if** it run beyond the time of her separation; **all the days of the issue of her uncleanness shall be as the days of her separation: she shall be unclean.** **Leviticus 15:26** Every bed whereon she lieth all the days of her issue shall be unto her as the bed of her separation: and whatsoever she sitteth upon shall be unclean, as the uncleanness of her separation. **Leviticus 15:27** And whosoever toucheth those things shall be unclean, and shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, **and be unclean** until the even. **Leviticus 15:31** Thus shall ye separate the

children of Israel from their uncleanness; that they die not in their uncleanness, when they defile my tabernacle that is among them.

➤ **Social**: no one could touch you for 12 years!?

**Psalms 51:5** Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

**Psalms 58:3** The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.

**Matthew 7:11** If ye then, **being evil**, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

**Isaiah 59:1** Behold, the LORD'S hand is **not** shortened, that it cannot save; **neither** his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: **Isaiah 59:2** But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will **not** hear.

### 3. A problem that only grew worse and no one could fix!

**Mark 5:25** And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, **Mark 5:26** And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was **nothing** bettered, **but** rather grew worse,

The pain, the fear, the desperation...!

**Hebrews 9:22** And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and **without shedding of blood is no remission** (ἄφεσις).

### 4. A problem only Jesus can fix!

**Mark 5:21** And when Jesus was passed over again by ship unto the other side, **much** people gathered unto him: and he was nigh unto the sea. **Mark 5:24** And Jesus went with him; and **much** people followed him, and thronged him. **Mark 5:27** When she had heard of Jesus, **came in the press behind**, and touched his garment.

**Mark 5:28** For she said, **If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole** (σωθήσομαι).

**Mark 5:29** And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she **was healed** (ἰᾶται) of that plague.

**Mark 5:30** And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes? **Mark 5:31** And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? **Mark 5:32** And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing. **Mark 5:33** But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth.

**Some might miss what is obvious to this woman: her problem wasn't merely, or even primarily, physical!**

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**Mark 5:34** And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee **whole** (σέσωκέν); go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.

**John 14:6** Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

**Acts 4:12** Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

## **5. A problem Jesus fixes through simple faith!**

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**Mark 5:34** And he said unto her, Daughter, **thy faith hath made thee whole** (σέσωκέν); **go in peace, and be whole** (ὕγις) of thy plague.

**Judges 18:6** And the priest said unto them, Go in peace: before the LORD is your way wherein ye go.

**1 Samuel 1:17** Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of him.

**1 Samuel 20:42** And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace, forasmuch as we have sworn both of us in the name of the LORD, saying, The LORD be between me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed for ever. And he arose and departed: and Jonathan went into the city.

**Acts 13:38** Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: **Acts 13:39** And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

**Romans 3:28** Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith **without the deeds of the law**.

**Romans 5:1** Therefore being **justified by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

**Galatians 2:16** Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

**Galatians 3:6** Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

**Galatians 3:11** But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.