



## Lesson 28 – The Touch of Faith

Based on Matthew 9:18-26; Mark 5:21-43; Luke 8:40-56

- 1) Where does our lesson begin today?

**Matthew 9:18-19** While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall \_\_\_\_\_.

Returning from casting out the demons from two men at Gergesa on the western shore, Jesus found a multitude gathered to receive Him, and they greeted Him with joy. He remained by the seaside for a time, teaching and healing, and then repaired to the house of Levi-Matthew to meet the publicans at the feast. Here Jairus, the ruler of the synagogue, found Him.

- 2) What did he ask of Jesus?

**Mark 5:23** And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of \_\_\_\_\_: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live.

Jesus set out at once with the ruler for his home. Though the disciples had seen so many of His works of mercy, they were surprised at His compliance with the entreaty of the haughty rabbi; yet they accompanied their Master, and the people followed, eager and expectant.

- 3) While on the way, what word came to the retinue?

**Mark 5:35** While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead: why \_\_\_\_\_ thou the Master any further?

- 4) Did Jesus agree with their assessment?

**Luke 8:50** But when Jesus heard it, he answered him, saying, Fear not: \_\_\_\_\_ only, and she shall be made whole.

- 5) What was the scene like when they arrived at Jairus' house?

**Mark 5:38-39** And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly. And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but \_\_\_\_\_.

- 6) Did the crowd believe Him?

**Mark 5:40** And they \_\_\_\_\_ him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying.

They were indignant at the words of the Stranger. They had seen the child in the embrace of death, and they laughed Him to scorn. Requiring them all to leave the house, Jesus took with Him the father and mother of the maiden, and the three disciples, Peter, James, and John, and together they entered the chamber of death.

- 7) What did Jesus do?

**Mark 5:41** And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, \_\_\_\_\_.



Instantly a tremor passed through the unconscious form. The pulses of life beat again. The lips unclosed with a smile. The eyes opened widely as if from sleep, and the maiden gazed with wonder on the group beside her. She arose, and her parents clasped her in their arms, and wept for joy.

8) What happened next?

**Mark 5:42** And straightway the damsel arose, and \_\_\_\_\_; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment.

9) What strange command did Jesus give to the parents?

**Mark 5:43** And he charged them straitly that no man should \_\_\_\_\_ it; and commanded that something should be given her to eat.

10) Why? \_\_\_\_\_

11) On the way to Jairus' house something happened, what was it?

**Mark 5:25-28** And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood \_\_\_\_\_ years, And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had \_\_\_\_\_ all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew \_\_\_\_\_, When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. For she said, If I may \_\_\_\_\_ but his clothes, I shall be whole.

In weakness and suffering she came to the seaside where He was teaching, and tried to press through the crowd, but in vain. Again, she followed Him from the house of Levi-Matthew but was still unable to reach Him. She had begun to despair, when, in making His way through the multitude, He came near where she was.

The golden opportunity had come. She was in the presence of the Great Physician! But amid the confusion she could not speak to Him, nor catch more than a passing glimpse of His figure. Fearful of losing her one chance of relief, she pressed forward, saying to herself, "***If I may but touch His garment, I shall be whole.***"

12) How does Mark record what happened next?

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

13) Did Jesus notice?

**Mark 5:30** And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that \_\_\_\_\_ had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes?

14) Was the Disciples question reasonable?

**Mark 5:31** And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the \_\_\_\_\_ thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?

With a grateful heart she then tried to withdraw from the crowd; but suddenly Jesus stopped, and the people halted with Him. He turned, and looking about asked in a voice distinctly heard above the confusion of the multitude, "***Who touched Me?***" The people answered this query with a look of amazement. Jostled upon all sides, and rudely pressed hither and thither, as He was, it seemed a strange inquiry.

15) Jesus specifically said something interesting:

**Luke 8:46** And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that \_\_\_\_\_ is gone out of me.



Strong's Exhaustive Concordance: *dunamis* – 1411; *ability, power, strength*

From *dunamai*; *force (literally or figuratively); specially, miraculous power (usually by implication, a miracle itself) -- ability, abundance, meaning, might(-ily, -y, -y deed), (worker of) miracle(-s), power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) work.*

The Saviour could distinguish the touch of faith from the casual contact of the careless throng. Such trust should not be passed without comment. He would speak to the humble woman words of comfort that would be to her a wellspring of joy, words that would be a blessing to His followers to the close of time.

16) What did she do?

**Luke 8:47** And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came \_\_\_\_\_, and falling down before him, she declared unto him before all the people for what cause she had touched him, and how she was healed immediately.

17) How did Jesus reply?

**Luke 8:48** And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy \_\_\_\_\_ hath made thee whole; go in peace.

He gave no opportunity for superstition to claim healing virtue for the mere act of touching His garments. It was not through the outward contact with Him, but through the faith which took hold on His divine power, that the cure was wrought.

18) What directions did Isaiah give to the redeemed?

**Isaiah 43:12** I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are my \_\_\_\_\_, saith the LORD, that I am God.

After healing the woman, Jesus desired her to acknowledge the blessing she had received. The gifts which the gospel offers are not to be secured by stealth or enjoyed in secret. So the Lord calls upon us for confession of His goodness.

19) How did the Psalmist ponder this?

**Psalms 116:12-14** What shall I render unto the LORD for all his \_\_\_\_\_ toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and \_\_\_\_\_ upon the name of the LORD. I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the \_\_\_\_\_ of all his people.

It is for our own benefit to keep every gift of God fresh in our memory. Thus, faith is strengthened to claim and to receive more and more. There is greater encouragement for us in the least blessing we ourselves receive from God than in all the accounts we can read of the faith and experience of others.

We are witnesses for God as we reveal in ourselves the working of a power that is divine. Every individual has a life distinct from all others, and an experience differing essentially from theirs. God desires that our praise shall ascend to Him, marked by our own individuality.

***Can you see Jesus brings healing?***

***Would you like to be made whole?***

***When is the time to share what you have seen?***