

MISSION VISION

“A Mission Vision Missed from The Disciples’ Perspective”

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Mark 5:25-34

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26 And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse,

27 When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment.

28 For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.

29 And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in *her* body that she was healed of that plague.

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?

31 And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?

32 And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing.

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.

34 And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.

Our theme for this year is...

VISION 20/20
HIS VISION. OUR FOCUS.

Two weeks ago, we began by looking at a challenging perspective...

What is God's vision for world evangelism? Our focus should be upon what the Bible teaches regarding HIS VISION!

Last week, we began by looking at a "Mission Vision" that is too easy for us to miss due to the limitations of our finite humanity – "A Mission Vision from God's Perspective."

Last week, we began by looking at an incident that was right before the eyes of the disciples, and they missed it. We will continue to observe...

“A Mission Vision Missed from The Disciples’ Perspective”

I. THE DISCIPLES WERE OBLIVIOUS TO THE SITUATION

A. The Disciples Missed the Vision of a Certain Woman Without **Support.**

Mark 5:25 “And a certain woman...”

Psa. 142:4 **I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but *there was no man* that would know me: refuge failed me; **no man cared for my soul.****

B. The Disciples Missed the Vision of a Certain Woman **Suffering.**

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

- ❖ The suffering was of a private nature, not obvious to all who saw her.
- ❖ Many suffering people around us are “masking” their pain, obscuring our vision.

❖ Our attitude should be less judgmental and more compassionate toward others.

According to Leviticus 15:19-30, her issue of blood makes her unclean. This means that her husband (and maybe children?) cannot eat food she has cooked, cannot sit on chairs upon which she has sat, cannot touch her even, without becoming 'unclean' themselves! She isn't allowed into worship services.

<https://www.biola.edu/blogs/good-book-blog/2011/the-tale-of-two-daughters-mark-5>

Psa. 69:20 Reproach hath **broken my heart**; and **I am full of heaviness**: and **I looked for some to take pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none.**

C. The Disciples Missed the Vision of a Certain Woman Spent.

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,**

William Barclay says in his commentary, that “the Talmud gives no fewer than eleven cures” for such an illness.

<https://homewordsministry.wordpress.com/2016/04/29/the-woman-with-the-issue-of-blood-12-study-points/>

Summary

- The disciples were oblivious to the woman, due to the distraction of the crowd.
- Too often, believers are easily distracted by general observations and specific individuals are not noticed which are right in front of us.
- The issue is not lack of concern – it is lack of focus.
- The Lord knows the individual needs, but we must make a special effort to focus upon individuals who are in our close proximity.
- The disciples are an example to us: see the big picture AND focus upon details right before our eyes.


II. THE DISCIPLES OVERLOOKED THE SINNER

A. The Disciples Missed the Vision of a Certain Woman **Searching**.

Mark 5:27 **When she had heard of Jesus**, came in the press behind, and touched his garment.

28 For she said, **If I may touch but his clothes**, I shall be whole.

- ❖ The woman took the initiative to search for the Lord Jesus, just hoping to touch his garment.
- ❖ The woman was determined to put forth the effort to reach her goal – “...If I may touch his clothes...”
- ❖ The woman expressed her faith, that the cost of the effort was worth it – “...I shall be whole.”
- ❖ Motivation to attempt the extraordinary originates in an extraordinary heart of faith.



**“Expect great things
from God;
attempt great things for
God”**

— William Carey, who is
called *the father of modern
missions*

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

- ❖ The disciples were oblivious to the woman's great expression of faith.
- ❖ The disciples missed the IMMEDIATE change in the woman's life.

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**.

- ❖ Like the woman's healing, salvation is immediate deliverance, not progressive self-improvement.

2 Cor. 5:17 Therefore **if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.**

B. The Disciples Missed the Vision of a Certain Woman Strengthened.

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?

31 And **his disciples said unto him**, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?

- ❖ The omniscient Savior used the occasion to teach the disciples an important lesson.
- ❖ The Lord Jesus “...turned him about in the press...” which was an action for the disciples’ sake to serve as an example of observation –
 - “Do you guys see what I see?”
 - “Did you see what just happened?”

- ❖ The disciples revealed that they only saw the multitude – “...seest the multitude thronging thee...”
- ❖ The disciples were incredulous – “...and sayest thou, “Who touched me?””
- ❖ The disciples revealed the weakness of their humanity in not asking themselves why Jesus was asking them the question.

C. The Disciples Missed the Vision of a Certain Woman Who was **Seen**.

Mark 5:32 And he looked round about to **see her** that had done this thing.

- ❖ Jesus knew who she was, but singled her out from the crowd – “...he looked round about to see her...”
- ❖ Real Christianity is a personal relationship with the Savior.

Mic. 6:8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what *is* good; and **what doth the LORD require of thee**, but **to do justly**, and **to love mercy**, and **to walk humbly with thy God?**

Rom. 14:12 So then **every one of us shall give account of himself** to God.

- ❖ The disciples missed seeing the individual need, but Jesus paid personal attention!

Conclusion

Psa. 73:25 **Whom have I in heaven *but thee*? and *there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.***

26 My flesh and my heart faileth: *but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.*

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