

BETHANY SUNDAY SCHOOL (SSS 4)

Text: Mark 5:25-34; Matthew 9:20-22; Luke 8:43-48

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THE HEALING OF THE WOMAN WITH AN ISSUE OF BLOOD

1. Unnamed woman Mark 5:25-26

- a) Chronic illness
- b) Sought treatment
- c) Suffered many things from physicians
- d) Her condition did not improve but got worse

2. Her faith in the Lord Jesus Mark 5:27-29

- a) She heard about Jesus
- b) She believed that Jesus could heal her
- c) She did not dare to approach Jesus directly
- d) She believed that a touch of His garment would be all she needed
- e) She touched the hem of His garment and was instantly healed

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3. Jesus' question Mark 5:30

- a) Who touched My clothes?
- b) He felt the woman's touch of faith
- c) Power had gone from Him to heal the woman

4. The astonishment of His disciples Mark 5:31

- a) They were astonished by what Jesus said
- b) So many thronged Him
- c) Many must have touched His clothes

5. The confession of the woman Mark 5:32-33

- a) She admitted that she had touched the hem of Jesus' garment
- b) Had she done wrong?
- c) She was fearful and trembling

6. The assuring words of Jesus Mark 5:34

- a) Daughter
- b) Your faith has made you well. Go in peace and be healed of your affliction

POEMS – Charles Tan

MY NAME IS LEGION

I dabbled with sin and did not comprehend the danger I was in,
One sin led to another and soon demons came and dwelt within.
The changes that took place were so subtle I did not notice them,
Soon it was too late to repel the demons, my life was all mayhem!

The people of Gadara did not know what to do with me,
Their doctors could not help me, none could set me free.
I became worse and worse with each passing day,
I was unfit to live with people, and I was filled with dismay.

Anger sometimes filled my heart and that fueled my strength,
I was a danger to all who were at arm's length.
The Gadarenes used chains to control my might,
They kept a close look out for me, keeping me out of sight.

But there was a struggle deep within my soul,
There was a part of me that the demons could not control.
My heart longed to be free from the power of sin,
In my sane moments, I cried out to God for cleansing deep within.

God must have heard my prayer when one day Jesus came to Gadara for ministry,
He was sent to me to deliver me from the Legion of demons who possessed me.
The demons were frightened of the Mighty Son of God,
They fled when they heard the voice of Jesus who is truly Lord.

What a relief, what a thrill to be freed from demonic power!
What power Jesus possessed when with a word I was delivered that very hour!
My heart, my mind and my life now belong to the Lord Jesus alone,
I will ever seek to serve Him and testify of the power of His throne!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Mark 5:1-20

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IF ONLY I MAY TOUCH HIS CLOTHES

A chronic medical problem can indeed cause great distress,
An unnamed woman spent all she had in hope of finding rest.
She sought medical help but to little avail,
Her problem of an issue of blood still prevailed.

She had heard of a man called Jesus of Nazareth,
He had healed people who had illnesses from birth!
But how could she reach Jesus to ask for His grace,
It was almost impossible to see Him face to face.

“If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well,”
This hope began to battle dark thoughts that came from hell.
She inched her way to where Jesus was walking with a ruler of the synagogue,
She knew that she would never have the privilege to have with Jesus a dialogue.

She drew near enough to touch the garments of the Lord,
Instantly she felt that she was cured- what grace from God!
Then she shivered in fear as Jesus spoke to the crowd,
“Who touched My clothes?”- He uttered these words out loud.

She came to Jesus to confess in fear and trepidation,
Jesus looked at her with tender love, not consternation.
“Daughter, your faith has made you well...” These words were gently said,
“Go in peace...” These precious words made her feel loved and unafraid.

Inspiration: Mark 5:34