

Sermon Outline and Questions

Pastor Dave – Sunday 10th December 2023

Hope

Mark 5:21-43 Christian Standard Bible

A Girl Restored and a Woman Healed

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²⁵ Now a woman suffering from bleeding for twelve years ²⁶ had endured much under many doctors. She had spent everything she had and was not helped at all. On the contrary, she became worse. ²⁷ Having heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his clothing. ²⁸ For she said, “If I just touch his clothes, I’ll be made well.” ²⁹ Instantly her flow of blood ceased, and she sensed in her body that she was healed of her affliction.

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³¹ His disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing against you, and yet you say, ‘Who touched me?’”

³² But he was looking around to see who had done this. ³³ The woman, with fear and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴ “Daughter,” he said to her, “your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be healed from your affliction.”

³⁵ While he was still speaking, people came from the synagogue leader's house and said, "Your daughter is dead. Why bother the teacher anymore?"

³⁶ When Jesus overheard^[c] what was said, he told the synagogue leader, "Don't be afraid. Only believe." ³⁷ He did not let anyone accompany him except Peter, James, and John, James's brother. ³⁸ They came to the leader's house, and he saw a commotion—people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹ He went in and said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep." ⁴⁰ They laughed at him, but he put them all outside. He took the child's father, mother, and those who were with him, and entered the place where the child was. ⁴¹ Then he took the child by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum"^[d] (which is translated, "Little girl, I say to you, get up"). ⁴² Immediately the girl got up and began to walk. (She was twelve years old.) At this they were utterly astounded. ⁴³ Then he gave them strict orders that no one should know about this and told them to give her something to eat.

There are times in our lives when we have all faced and will again face times when things are hopeless, we have all thought this, said this and experienced this.

- We all understand in some way what has been experienced in this passage of scripture.
- We can sympathise with this lady and maybe understand the situation she is in?

Question – Have we thought about Hope – the significance and impact of it?

Most people on the street, beyond the church, their definition of hope may come back as wishful thinking!

The bible defines hope very differently than that and there is a reason for that.

Biblical concept and teaching of hope.

Nelson Illustrated Bible Dictionary.

- Definition - Confident expectation.

New Dictionary of Theology.

- Definition – Hope is - Waiting expectantly for God’s future activity.

Both are vastly different from the world.

Genuine hope is not wishful thinking - but a firm assurance about things that are unseen and still in the future. – statement for Nelson Illustrated Bible Dictionary.

Other passages of scripture that give an account of the woman suffering with a blood disorder are –

[Luke 8:43-48](#)

[Matthew 9:2-22](#) – shortest account

[Mark 5:25-34](#) – longest and most detailed account.

Hope for the Hopeless

Looking back at Mark 5 starting are verse 21.

[Mark 5:21 Christian Standard Bible](#)

[A Girl Restored and a Woman Healed](#)

²¹ When Jesus had crossed over again by boat^[a] to the other side, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the sea.

- These events being immediately after the events that we studied last Sunday – **PEACE - Luke 8:22-39**
- Jesus getting back in the boat and crossing over the sea of Galilee and when he gets there a large crowd gathers around him.

Mark 5:22-24 Christian Standard Bible

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- Jesus being approached by specific individual.
- Jairus and the lady we will meet recognises that Jesus is their only hope.

McArthur – quote

Jairus enjoyed joy and contentment and a loving relationship with the daughter for 12 years and the lady with the bleeding disorder only experienced agony for 12 years, but yet either way both of them knew that Jesus was their only hope.

Mark 5:25-27 Christian Standard Bible

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- The lady recognising that this is a completely hopeless situation.
- That Jesus is her last hope.

Leviticus 15 – The Old Testament Law – read this passage to understand more in relation to bodily discharges and all that was tied into that.

- It was not just the blood disorder that the lady felt hopeless about, but also that she had been to see and had no success with many doctors.

- The Kings James writes – suffered at the hands of many physicians.
- No solution and it getting worse.
- Even worse was the impact that it was having on all people around her, as well as herself.
- Ceremonially unclean – anything she touched became unclean – meaning that she was never able to enter the synagogue – a vital aspect of worship.

Question – What if we couldn't come to church and gather with other believers and worship for 12 years?

- How would that affect us?

Completely isolating her.

Mark 5:27-29 Christian Standard Bible

²⁷ Having heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his clothing.

- As someone who was unclean, she shouldn't have had the opportunity to touch anyone, but she took advantage of the crowd – pressing through and touching the hem of Jesus garment.

²⁸ For she said, “If I just touch his clothes, I’ll be made well.” ²⁹ Instantly her flow of blood ceased, and she sensed in her body that she was healed of her affliction.

- Amazingly she was healed.
- She approached Jesus because he was her only hope.
- More beautiful was here interaction with Jesus.

Mark 5:30-34 Christian Standard Bible

³⁰ Immediately Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?”

³¹ His disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing against you, and yet you say, ‘Who touched me?’”

- Perhaps even an air of sarcasm from the disciples here!
- They didn't realise what had happened – but Jesus did!

³² But he was looking around to see who had done this. ³³ The woman, with fear and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before him, and told him the whole truth.

For these two people they both realised that Jesus was their only hope – even probably physically – but more so important was there spiritual health.

Question - Why would she be afraid?

- She should never of touched his clothing being unclean.

But Jesus says this...

³⁴ "Daughter," he said to her, "your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be healed from your affliction."

2 Key Points

Point # 1 – Where does our hope come from?

- If you knew the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour.

One reality – scripture tells us – (unbelievers they have no hope).

- They can have the wishful thinking.
- In the news we hear regularly quoted – "Longing for peace" with all that is going on around the world.
- People having hope that they get into heaven – believing they may get there by doing enough good stuff.

But with no means to bring about peace.

Ephesians 2:12-14 Christian Standard Bible

¹² At that time you were without Christ, excluded from the citizenship of Israel, and foreigners to the covenants of promise, without hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus, you who were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he is our peace, who made both groups one and tore down the dividing wall of hostility. In his flesh,

- At one point they were without Christ – Lost.
- Without hope and without God in the world.
- A desperate scary place to be.

1 Thessalonians 4:13 Christian Standard Bible

The Comfort of Christ's Coming

¹³ We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, concerning those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve like the rest, who have no hope.

Question – What is Paul taking about?

- The taking up of the church.
- Those that already had lost their lives.

Paul wanting them to have the hope of Jesus Christ for all eternity.

Christian – “Our Hope comes from God and is in the Lord Jesus Christ”.

- As for us in our sinful state – we need to be careful that we don't endeavor to get to heaven by ourselves.
- Hoping in health, wealth and fame.
- Leaving us desperate – over and over again.

Psalm 37:9 Christian Standard Bible

⁹ For evildoers will be destroyed,
but those who put their hope in the LORD
will inherit the land.

The Psalm writer – his hope is in the Lord.

Titus 1:2 Christian Standard Bible

² in the hope of eternal life that God, who cannot lie, promised before time began.

1 Peter 1:21 Christian Standard Bible

²¹ Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him
glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

- Our confident expectation is in the saving work of Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 4 – Our hope in things to come – waiting expectantly.

- Quite often we say and frequently hear – “Even so come Lord Jesus come” – because we have that confident expectation.

- The lady with the blood disorder set her hope on Christ.
- She experienced salvation.

Mark 5:34 Christian Standard Bible

³⁴ “Daughter,” he said to her, “your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be healed from your affliction.”

- Jesus in this moment proving who he was.
- She didn't just feel – she was healed.

What was even more fantastic was that she came into a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

- The word – daughter – the first and only time used in the gospels.
- The word saved – sozo – connected the word faith – salvation.
- Her faith in Jesus Christ – saved her.

Jesus then says... “Go in peace” – peace – Hebrew understanding - shalom – well-being of soul and body – forgiveness of sins.

“and be healed from your affliction.” – healed from the scourge she had experienced for 12 long years.

Question – Where does our hope come from?

Point # 2 – What is the impact of that hope?

Our hope is unshaken/steadfast – based on and in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Psalm 119 – 3 instances – in God’s word – all connected to God.

- In the word – ever thought about that?

Question – How do we get to know?

- It is in His word.
- Reading God’s word to get to know him better.
- Promise and future hope.

On the other hand, there are times when believers lose hope!

This is a baffling thought!

- It stems from them spending little time in God’s word.
- Little time in prayer with and to God.

2 Corinthians 1:7 Christian Standard Bible

⁷ And our hope for you is firm, because we know that as you share in the sufferings, so you will also share in the comfort.

1 Thessalonians 1:3 Christian Standard Bible

³ We recall, in the presence of our God and Father, your work produced by faith, your labor motivated by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

- Steadfast.

Hebrews 6:18 Christian Standard Bible

¹⁸ so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us.

Hebrews 11:1 Christian Standard Bible

Living by Faith

11 Now faith is the reality^[a] of what is hoped for, the proof^[b] of what is not seen.

Romans 5:2 Christian Standard Bible

² We have also obtained access through him by faith^[a] into this grace in which we stand, and we boast^[b] in the hope of the glory of God.

Romans 5:3-5 Christian Standard Bible

³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, because we know that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ endurance produces proven character, and proven character produces hope. ⁵ This hope will not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Hope is essential – vital – it produces endurance in lives.

1 [Corinthian 15](#) – is an example of the one of the earliest church creeds.

- Communicated just after the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

1 [Corinthians 15:3](#) [Christian Standard Bible](#)

³ For I passed on to you as most important what I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

- This being the most important thing.

Question – Why is Paul going so far into this?

Our Hope.

- Not just in death.
- But in resurrection.

We look forward to being resurrected.

Question – Why and How? – Because Christ rose from the dead

1 [Peter 3:15](#) [Christian Standard Bible](#)

¹⁵ but in your hearts regard^[a] Christ^[b] the Lord as holy, ready at any time to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.

- For a reason.

Christian – Are we ready at any time to respond to an unbeliever.

- Would they say this person has a confidence in the future?

Are we ready to give a defence for the hope in us?

For the unsaved person.

- Have you come to a place where Jesus is your hope?

Christian – be reminded and encouraged that your hope is on God – through Jesus Christ.

A confident expectation of experiencing eternity with the Lord Jesus Christ.