

MISSION VISION

“A Mission Vision from The Disciples’ Perspective”

FOCUS

Mark 5:25-34

In a few weeks, we will begin our annual missions' conference. Our theme for this year is...

VISION 20/20
HIS VISION. OUR FOCUS.

Last week, 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!

Lord willing, that will be our focus as we prepare for this year's missions conference. 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."

This morning, we will be focusing upon how the first church missed what the Lord's vision was, and it was right in front of them. The Lord Jesus saw a need to which the disciples were oblivious.

The disciples, the first church, missed what was happening right before their eyes! This morning we will venture to see what they missed...

“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...”

- She was alone, separated without support from any family, friends, etc.
- The disciples were oblivious to one woman as they were seeing the crowd.
- The disciples were as close to the woman as the Lord was.
- The Lord knows the individual needs, but we must focus upon individuals who are in our close proximity.
- Many lonely people have no one to assist, or support them when healthy, let alone when they have hardships.

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.**

- ❖ Presently, the population of Bernalillo County is almost 700,000.
- ❖ In order to win half of the population, 350,000 at one soul per day, would take 958.9 years! If 10 were saved per day, it would take 95.9 years.

Prov. 29:18 **Where *there is no vision, the people perish***: but he that keepeth the law, happy *is* he.

- ❖ The best witnessing plan = ALL THE TIME – EVERYWHERE

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.

Mt. 9:12 But when Jesus heard *that*, he said unto them, **They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.**

13 **But go ye and learn what *that* meaneth**, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for **I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.** ...

36 But **when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.**

37 Then saith he unto his disciples, **The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers *are* few;**

38 **Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.**

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.**

- ❖ Regardless of anyone's sinful condition, when the Lord makes us clean, we are clean indeed!

Acts 10:28 And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but **God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.**

Acts 11:9 But the voice answered me again from heaven, **What God hath cleansed, *that* call not thou common.**

❖ Anyone who gets saved went from being “without strength” to being a “child of God!”

Rom 5:6 For **when we were yet without strength**, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

1 Jn 3:1 **Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God:** therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

2 **Beloved, now are we the sons of God,** and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

3 And **every man** that hath this hope in him **purifieth himself, even as he is pure.**

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/>

- ❖ The disciples were oblivious to her suffering, and the extent of her futility in finding a solution.
- ❖ The immediate “mission” was to Jairus’ – the ruler of the synagogue – and his daughter.
- ❖ This woman was an “interruption” to the scheduled plan.
- ❖ The disciples were focused upon one need and overlooked another need right before their eyes.
- ❖ No solution found by the woman was compounded by her condition getting worse.
- ❖ She tried many resources, to no avail. She was hopeless.

Job 24:12 “Men groan from out of the city, and **the soul of the wounded crieth out...**”

Jer. 31:25 For **I have satiated the weary soul**, and I have **replenished every sorrowful soul**.

Summary

- The woman was oblivious to the disciples due to the distraction of the crowd.
- Too often, believers are too easily distracted by general observations that specific individuals are not noticed.
- 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.

Conclusion

Mt. 11:28 **Come unto me, all** ye that labour and are heavy laden, and **I will give you rest.**

29 **Take my yoke** upon you, and **learn of me**; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and **ye shall find rest unto your souls.**

30 For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden is light.

