

MISSION VISION

“A Mission Vision Missed from The Disciples’ Perspective”

FOCUS

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!

A few weeks ago, 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."

Next, 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,**

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/>

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.

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

- ❖ **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.**

A scenic view of a mountain valley with green slopes and a cloudy sky. The text is overlaid on the image.

**“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!

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.
- The disciples overlooked the REASON why Jesus asked – “Who touched me?”

This morning, we will continue 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 continue looking at the passage to see what else they missed...

III. THE DISCIPLES OBSCURED THE SANCTIFICATION

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

Mark 5:33 But **the woman fearing and trembling**, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth.

❖ Fear is a natural emotion from those who know not God.

Jn. 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and **he that believeth not the Son shall not see life**; but **the wrath of God abideth on him**.

Psa. 7:11 God judgeth the righteous, and **God is angry with the wicked every day**.

Rom. 5:1 Therefore **being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ**:

❖ Fear is a natural emotion from those who DO know God:

Josh. 1:9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; **be not afraid**, neither be thou dismayed: **for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest**.

Mt. 14:27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; **it is I; be not afraid**.

Mt. 17:7 And Jesus came and touched them, and said, **Arise, and be not afraid.**

Mt. 28:10 Then said Jesus unto them, **Be not afraid**: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

Mark 5:36 As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, **Be not afraid, only believe.**

Acts 18:9 Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, **Be not afraid**, but speak, and hold not thy peace:

1 Pet. 3:14 But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy *are ye*: and **be not afraid** of their terror, neither be troubled;

❖ As a believer continues life's journey walking by faith, fears fade as faithfulness intensifies for a growing believer.

Job 13:15 **Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him:** but I will maintain mine own ways before him.

Psa. 56:3 **What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.**

Heb. 13:5 “...for he hath said, **I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.**”

❖ Faith and love combine to conquer fear:

Gal. 5:6b “...faith which worketh by love.”

1 Thess. 1:3 Remembering without ceasing **your work of faith, and labour of love**, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;

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

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 Lord Jesus ignored the disciples and focused upon the woman.
- ❖ They were oblivious to the change from “unclean” to “clean” – from “defiled” to “delivered” – from “sinner” to “sanctified.”

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.

Conclusion

- ❖ The disciples were “ministering” for Christ, but they were not ministering WITH Christ.
- ❖ The disciples missed the heartbeat of the mission – reconciled fellowship between the lost and the Lord.

2 Cor. 5:18 And all things *are* of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath **given to us the ministry of reconciliation**;
19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; **and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.**

20 **Now then we are ambassadors for Christ**, as though God did beseech *you* **by us**: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

21 For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; **that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.**

❖ During the Coronavirus (COVID – 19) or at any time, we need to be involved in the MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION –

ALL THE TIME – EVERYWHERE

1 Jn. 4:17 **Herein is our love made perfect**, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because **as he is, so are we in this world**.

18 **There is no fear in love**; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. **He that feareth is not made perfect in love**.

19 We love **him**, because **he first loved us**.