

8. Faith - the Key to Victorious Living

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We are still studying God's Word on the subject of faith & how we can build strong faith in our lives to live victorious in these challenging days.

- Our God-given faith is the substance & quality that helps us to stand strong and secure in Jesus Christ
- Faith is the master key that unlocks all of God's promises
- By faith we receive all that God has provided for us, and promised to us

1 John 5:4–5 (NIV) *For everyone born of God overcomes the world. **This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.** 5 **Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.***

- Only believers in Jesus overcome the world & live victorious over it

Receiving your healing by faith

Mark 5:25–34 (NKJV) *Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, 26 and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. 27 **When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment.** 28 For she said, “**If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well.**” 29 Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and **she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction.** 30 And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, “Who touched My clothes?” 31 But His disciples said to Him, “You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, ‘Who touched Me?’ ” 32 And He looked around to see her who had done this thing. 33 But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. 34 And **He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction.”***

- This woman had been sick for 12 years, with doctors unable to help her
- She heard about Jesus, and came behind Him to touch His garment

- As soon as she did, power flowed from Jesus into her body and she was healed of her affliction
- Jesus said: *Daughter, your faith has made you well ... be healed of your affliction.*

Verse 30 *And Jesus, immediately **knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him**, turned around in the crowd and said, “Who touched My clothes?”*

- Jesus knew (perceived - Luke 8:46) that power had gone out of Him
- The woman felt that she had been healed of her affliction (verse 29)
- Although feelings are not necessary to received healing, both Jesus and the woman knew that a “transaction” had taken place
 - She came with faith in her heart, to be healed in her body
 - Jesus had the power of God on His life (Gr. *dunamis*) to get people healed and delivered
- By faith, she connected with the power of God, and got healed

Acts 10:38 (NKJV) *How **God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.***

- Again, this power that Jesus carried was the power of God
- Sometimes we call it “the anointing”
- Specifically, this was Holy Spirit power that Jesus received when he was baptised in the Jordan river, and the Holy Spirit came upon Him
- Jesus healed people in a variety of ways:
 - Sometimes he spoke to sickness and rebuked it (Luke 4:39)
 - At other times He laid His hands on the sick and healed them (Luke 4:40)
 - Another time He put a mud pack on the eyes of a blind man and told Him to wash in the Pool of Siloam (John 9:6-7)
- Many people never waited for Him to touch them, instead, they came to touch Him and receive their healing

Luke 6:19 (NKJV) *And **the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all.***

- In Jesus’ earthly ministry, it became known that “power went out from Him” to heal sick people

- Sick people sought to make a connection with the power that Jesus carried by touching the hem of His garment

Mark 6:53–56 (NKJV) *When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret and anchored there. 54 And when they came out of the boat, immediately the people recognized Him, 55 ran through that whole surrounding region, and began to carry about on beds those who were sick to wherever they heard He was. 56 **Wherever He entered, into villages, cities, or the country, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged Him that they might just touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched Him were made well.***

- This is the report that the woman with the issue of blood had heard
- She pressed behind Him in the crowd, touched the hem of His garment and received (took) her healing
- Faith believes and faith receives
- She believed the report she had heard, and by faith made a connection with the power of God
- In a previous session we learned what “walking by faith” means:
 - **Hearing** what the Word says
 - **Believing** in your heart what the Word says
 - **Confessing** with your mouth what the Word says
 - **Doing** what the Word says

1. **She heard the Word**

Mark 5:27 *When she heard about Jesus ...*

2. **She believed the Word**

How do we know that she believed?

Well, she confessed the Word and acted on the Word.

This demonstrates that she believed the Word.

3. **She confessed the Word**

Mark 5:28 (AMP) *For she kept saying, If I only touch His garments, I shall be restored to health.*

4. **She acted on the Word**

Mark 5:27 ... she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment.

It would be fair to say that not all people who came in physical contact with Jesus that day were healed, yet she was.

Luke 8:45–48 (NKJV) *And Jesus said, “Who touched Me?” When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, “Master, **the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, ‘Who touched Me?’**” 46 But Jesus said, **“Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me.”** 47 Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, **she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately.** 48 And He said to her, “Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace.”*

- She came for the sole reason to receive her healing
- Others might have come because of their curiosity

Luke 5:17 (NKJV) *Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. **And the power of the Lord was present to heal them.***

- The same power of God is present today to heal & to restore you body