

NO SECRET HEALING

Mark 5:22-34

(Not entirely original with me)

Introduction: Everywhere Jesus went there were crowds of people, even when He would go into someone's home, there would be people packed in, all wanting to either watch Jesus or bring someone to Him that needed healing. It would seem that with all the people crowded around Him that someone could sneak around and touch Him or something and be healed. A woman tried that one day when Jesus was surrounded by a crowd of people, but she was caught by Jesus. Why didn't Jesus just let her go on her way after touching Him and being healed? Why did He stop and say something? The woman was a nobody, who had an affliction that had caused her to be exiled from the public. Wouldn't it have been alright to just let her sneak back through the crowd and go quietly to her home, happy that she had been healed and nobody would know otherwise? Jesus refused to let this little woman get away. He called her out of the crowd and made her tell why she touched Him. Why did Jesus do what He did?

I. THE WOMAN WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT SHE WAS MAGICALLY CURED

1. Had Jesus let her go, she would not have know how she was really healed.
 - She would never have know the loving will of the Lord Jesus.
 - She would have never put her faith in Jesus for other than being healed.
2. The faith she had that she could be healed by Jesus was a faith based on ignorance of who He really was and what He could really do other than heal people.
 - She never gave any thought that Jesus might care about her.
 - She thought that it would be by some magical way she would be healed.
3. If Jesus had let her go, she would never have know the loving heart of the Lord Jesus.
 - She would have thought that her cure was automatic and that was it.
4. Jesus called her out of the crowd and made her tell her story.
 - She learned that it was not magic that cured her.
 - She was brought into a living relationship with Jesus.
 - She went home with the right thoughts about Jesus.
 - She would always talk of the wonder of the Lord and not about the hem of His garment curing her.
 - She now had a FIREND in Jesus.

II. THE WOMAN WOULD NEVER HAVE KNOWN THE REAL JESUS

1. She would have never been sure about who Jesus really was and what really happened.
 - When Jesus called out, she came to Him, knelt at His feet scared and trembling.
 - She felt that she had stolen something from Jesus and had gotten caught.
 - She was now going to be rebuked for what she had done.
2. Jesus was not satisfied that the woman had been healed physically.
 - Jesus wanted the woman to know what had really happened.
 - Jesus called her "daughter" and never called anybody else "daughter."
 - To be called "daughter" meant that she was somebody special to Jesus.

3. If any person wants to learn of Jesus' love, then like this woman, one must make his/her way to Him no matter the cost and effort.

III. THE WOMAN WOULD HAVE NEVER BEEN A WITNESS FOR THE LORD

1. This woman would have never known just who Jesus was and the love that He exhibited to her.
 - Jesus wanted the woman to be more than healed physically.
 - Jesus wanted the woman to tell others that He loved them also.
 - She would never have been able to tell others that Jesus called her "His Daughter."
2. This woman would never talk about being magically healed but would tell of how Jesus welcomed her to come talk with Him.
3. Had Jesus not called for the woman to come to Him, she would never have known how giving He was and how gentle and gracious He was.
4. The woman went away healed, happy and blessed.

CONCLUSION:

1. This woman is an example in getting to Jesus.
 - She knew she needed His help.
 - She went to great lengths and exerted great effort to get to Jesus, letting nothing keep her back.
 - In faith she reached out to Him, even with the wrong kind of faith, yet she just knew that Jesus was the answer to her need.
 - Letting nothing keep her back, she successfully got to Jesus and touched Him.
 - She got what she needed, and then more. She met personally and her whole attitude about Him was changed. She discovered WHO Jesus really was.
 - She was called "daughter" by Jesus, a family title, thus showing her that Jesus cared for her like a family member.
2. Following the woman's example then:
 - Know that everyone has a need.
 - Know that Jesus is the answer.
 - Let nothing stand in the way of getting to Jesus.
 - Reach out in faith that Jesus can do something about one's need.
 - Know that Jesus is aware that one is there and has reached out in faith for help.
 - Know that Jesus cares about every single person and wants each person to become a part of His loving, wonderful family.
 - Know that after coming to Jesus and having one's need met, one's thoughts about Jesus will change.
 - Know that everyone who has reached out to Jesus in need can be a witness to others about what Jesus can do and WHO Jesus is.
3. Take your needs to the Lord Jesus, He wants to help.