

COME BE MADE WELL

I. Mark 5:25-34

A. Most of us who live in Millersport or one of the surrounding communities have experienced the Sweet Corn Festival on a Saturday. If not the SCF, maybe the Circleville Pumpkin Show or downtown Columbus for Red, White, & Boom. We're talking about crowds so thick and deep and loud that it's outright scary--a sea of barely moving humanity. Today's story, which is found in all three synoptic gospels, takes place in such a crowd. Jesus is on the way to raise a dead child.

B. Besides Jesus, the star of this chaotic scene is a woman who's suffered greatly for a dozen years. The medical profession hasn't helped her. She's spent everything on treatment options that have left her broke. And the nature of her ailment (a chronic bleeding disorder) has rendered her ceremonially unclean. She can't go to the temple, the synagogue, or come in contact with others. She suffers from an ailment causing physical, emotional, relational, and spiritual isolation.

C. Mark 5:25-34 (ESV) tells this amazing story...

1) **V25-26:** *25 And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, 26 and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. (Doctors have hurt more than helped! Dr. Luke writes about this same event but is less critical of the doctors.)*

2) **V27-28:** *27 She had heard the reports about Jesus (What kind of reports?) and came up behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment. 28 For she said, "If I touch even His garments, I will be made well." (According to the law, Jesus coming in contact with this unclean woman would've made Him unclean. Flesh is touching flesh everywhere in this crowd but her faith drove her to reach out to *The Righteous One*.)*

3) **V29:** *29 And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. (Who put it in this woman's mind to reach out and touch Jesus? Who gave her the faith and courage to act?)*

4) **V30:** *30 And Jesus, perceiving in Himself that power had gone out from Him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched My garments?" (So not only did the woman feel something happen, Jesus felt something happen!)*

5) **V31:** *31 And His disciples said to Him, "You see the crowd pressing around You, and yet You say, 'Who touched Me?'" (Jesus wonders who touched Him. The stunned disciples declare, 'Everybody!')*

6) **V32-33:** *32 And He looked around to see who had done it. 33 But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. (The woman who had reached out and touched Jesus falls at His feet. She confesses! She feared [Gk *phobeomai*] and trusted Him simultaneously. She fell at His feet in humility, reverence, and awe.)*

7) **V34: 34** *And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."* (The word Jesus uses for 'well' is **Sozo** which means something far greater than physical healing. **Sozo** refers to being made whole, **saved** from something perilous, made spiritually well. Despite being made *well* of this disease of blood, she's been made *well* from her disease of sin and *saved* from the peril of death. Now that she's touched Jesus, she'll live a little longer before she dies the first death. But because she's met Jesus, she will never face the second death. Her faith, which I promise you was a gift from God, has made her well forevermore!)

D. When my Grandmother was sick, a woman came and prayed for her. She said she believed the Lord told her my Grandma had been healed. Shortly thereafter, Grandma died. We might argue that this well-meaning women misheard God, but ultimately my Grandmother was healed. **Sozo** was also the blessing given to my Grandma.

E. **Isaiah 53:3-6** (AMP) was written 700+ years before Jesus Christ and yet it's all about Him. How would Jesus bring about **Sozo**? By becoming a sacrifice for our sins. Let me read this from the Amplified Version: **3** *He was despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and pain and acquainted with grief; and like One from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we did not appreciate His worth or esteem Him. 4* *But [in fact] He has borne our griefs, And He has carried our sorrows and pains; Yet we [ignorantly] assumed that He was stricken, struck down by God and degraded and humiliated [by Him]. 5* *But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was crushed for our wickedness [our sin, our injustice, our wrongdoing]; the punishment [required] for our well-being fell on Him, and by His stripes (wounds) we are healed. 6* *All of us like sheep have gone astray, we have turned, each one, to his own way; but the Lord has caused the wickedness of us all [our sin, our injustice, our wrongdoing] to fall on Him [instead of us].*

F. Paul sums it up like this in **2 Corinthians 5:21** (NIV): **21** *God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.*

G. Peter declares in unison in **1 Peter 2:24** (CSB): **24** *He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; you have been healed by His wounds.*

H. Just as the woman with the blood disease was not permitted into the temple because of being "unclean" according to the law, those with the disease of sin will not be permitted into the absolute holy presence of God when they pass away. But that is only the bad prognosis. Here's the good prognosis: Because our disease of sin was imputed to Christ on the cross, His *disease-free* righteousness is imputed to us by faith. He was wounded for our transgressions. He was crushed for our iniquities. And He bore the infirmity of our sin to make us well and whole in Him, sparing us from eternal separation from His presence. He alone saves from sin and death! Either by His wounds and stripes you are healed or you are not healed at all. Christ alone is the cure! How do you obtain this cure? Reach out to Christ with faith like the woman who had the issue of blood.

I. As Jesus said to that woman who touched Him in the crowd, may He also say to you: *"Daughter/Son, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."*

* Close with Prayer...

Scriptures, Videos, & Bonus Stuff

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[Film Clips & Other Links](#)

Millersport Covenant Church Sermon Podcasts (MP3s on iTunes)

<http://millersportcc.com/feed/podcast>

Sozo: The Greek Word of the Day - Rod Ovitt

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sG1F3FpaKJU>

Isaiah 53:5-6

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P4M6iOwSwoQ>

[Bonus Stuff](#)

[Leviticus 15:25-30 \(ESV\)](#)

25 If a woman has a discharge of blood for many days, not at the time of her menstrual impurity, or if she has a discharge beyond the time of her impurity, all the days of the discharge she shall continue in uncleanness. As in the days of her impurity, she shall be unclean. **26** Every bed on which she lies, all the days of her discharge, shall be to her as the bed of her impurity. And everything on which she sits shall be unclean, as in the uncleanness of her menstrual impurity. **27** And whoever touches these things shall be unclean, and shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water and be unclean until the evening. **28** But if she is cleansed of her discharge, she shall count for herself seven days, and after that she shall be clean. **29** And on the eighth day she shall take two turtledoves or two pigeons and bring them to the priest, to the entrance of the tent of meeting. **30** And the priest shall use one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering. And the priest shall make atonement for her before the Lord for her unclean discharge.

[Luke 8:43-48 \(ESV\)](#)

43 And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, and though she had spent all her living on physicians, she could not be healed by anyone. **44** She came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His garment, and immediately her discharge of blood ceased. **45** And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds surround You and are pressing in on You!" **46** But Jesus said, "Someone touched Me, for I perceive that power has gone out from Me." **47** And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before Him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. **48** And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace."

[Matthew 9:20-22 \(ESV\)](#)

20 And behold, a woman who had suffered from a discharge of blood for twelve years came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His garment, **21** for she said to herself, "If I only touch his garment, I will be made well." **22** Jesus turned, and seeing her He

said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well.

Malachi 4:2 (NKJV)

2 But to you who fear My name
The Sun of Righteousness shall arise
With healing in His wings;
And you shall go out
And grow fat like stall-fed calves.

Sōzō (Strong's #G4982) Outline of Biblical Usage by Larry Pierce

- * to save, keep safe and sound, to rescue from danger or destruction one (from injury or peril)
- * to save a suffering one (from perishing), i.e. one suffering from disease, to make well, heal, restore to health
- * to preserve one who is in danger of destruction, to save or rescue
- * to save in the technical biblical sense
- * negatively;
- * to deliver from the penalties of the Messianic judgment
- * to save from the evils which obstruct the reception of the Messianic deliverance

Sermon Excerpt from Pastor Steve Bush

"Let's pretend I'm a doctor and you come into my office with some painful and troubling symptoms and you ask me to help you. So I run a bunch of tests and exploratory procedures and I discover you have a disease that is terminal. But instead of breaking the news to you, I send you home and say 'you're okay.' Or perhaps I'm afraid to tell you what's wrong because I don't want to upset you. Or worse yet I fail to tell you that though your prognosis is grave, there's actually a cure and the cure is expensive but the cost is completely covered. What kind of doctor would you think me to be? What could be more irresponsible, or deplorable, or sinister than a doctor who failed to tell you the truth about your condition and the available remedy? ...I have bad news and good news for you all: First the bad news: You were born with a terminal disease. Now the Good News: there's a cure--His name is Jesus!"

- Pastor Steve Bush, sermon excerpt from "*To The Fellowship of the Cured*," January 10, 2016.

Quote by Matthew Henry

"Come, and see the victories of the cross. Christ's wounds are thy healings, His agonies thy repose, His conflicts thy conquests, His groans thy songs, His pains thine ease, His shame thy glory, His death thy life, His sufferings thy salvation."

Quote by James H. Aughey

"Christ is the Good Physician. There is no disease He cannot heal; no sin He cannot remove; no trouble He cannot help. He is the Balm of Gilead, the Great Physician who

has never yet failed to heal all the spiritual maladies of every soul that has come unto Him in faith and prayer."

Quote by John Newton

"How sweet the name of Jesus sounds, in a believer's ear! It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds, and drives away his fear."

Jehovah-Rophi I am the Lord That Healeth Thee

By William Cowper - Circa 1779

(Exodus, XV.26)

Heal us, Emmanuel! here we are,
Waiting to feel Thy touch:
Deep-wounded souls to Thee repair
And, Saviour, we are such.

Our faith is feeble, we confess,
We faintly trust Thy word;
But wilt Thou pity us the less?
Be that far from Thee, Lord!

Remember him who once applied,
With trembling, for relief;
"Lord, I believe," with tears he cried,
"Oh, help my unbelief!"

She too, who touch'd Thee in the press,
And healing virtue stole,
Was answer'd, "Daughter, go in peace,
Thy faith hath made thee whole."

Conceal'd amid the gathering throng,
She would have shunn'd Thy view;
And if her faith was firm and strong,
Had strong misgivings too.

Like her, with hopes and fears we come,
To touch Thee, if we may;
Oh! send us not despairing home,
Send none unheal'd away!

- William Cowper, Olney Hymns, Volume 1, Hymn #14, Circa 1779.