



# THE SINGLES' NEWS

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## 3 SINGLE STEPS OF HEALING

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### SINGLES' FOCUS

*The focus of the ministry is God, his word, and his teachings on loneliness, finances, abstaining from sex, marriage, re-marriage, cohabitation, and other issues that relate or effects the single Christian's way of life.*

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Perhaps you may not be faced with a deadly plague like the women in Mark 5:24-34, who had an issue of blood for twelve years. But, if you take a close inventory yourself, you might realize that you are going through various trials and tribulations. Is there a plague of any sort that is hindering you from moving forward in life, or even keeping you from God? Are you troubled on every side? Are you in distressed? Are you perplexed? Are you in despair? Are you persecuted? Do you feel forsaken, cast down, or even destroyed? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you need healing.

There are three steps that you should know in Mark 5:24-34 on how to heal from the plagues of this troubled world.

1. The first thing that we learn is to have faith. The Bible says in Hebrews 11:1, "...faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." This single woman who had a plague for twelve long years was rejected and neglected by many people. According to Jewish customs (Leviticus 15:25-27) a woman who had an issue of blood was to be separated from the camp until she was clean, and most of the time that was a brief period. However, a brief time was not the case for this woman. She was diseased. She had a problem for twelve years. Before Jesus, there was

no hope for her. The doctors could not do anything, the priests had no sacrifices for her, and there were not medicines as we have today. This woman was labeled as an untouchable. For twelve years, she had not been able to live a normal life. However, Jesus changed that. She heard that Jesus was coming to town. She did not care about any Jewish customers. She did not care what her friends or family might say. She knew if she had faith, and by touching Jesus, she was going to be healed. Therefore she pressed (forced her way) through the crowd. She did not care who she pushed. She did not care whom she ran over. She had one mission, and that was to touch Jesus and be cleansed. The bible says, that when she touched him, "Jesus immediately knowing in himself that virtue (that power) had gone out of him." Out of all the people that were touching Jesus, there was not a touch like the touch from this faithful woman. Her faith virtually reached into the soul of Jesus and pulled some of that healing power out of him, whereby it cleansed her long life plague. After 12 years of rejection, defeat, and being cast down, she was made whole. In Hebrews 11:6, it says, "*but without is, impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder to them that diligently seek him.*"

2. The second thing we learn is humbleness. The word humble means lowly, meek, not proud, or to bring low. The Bible says that when Jesus was touched, he turned around. In addition, it says, the woman feared and was trembling, "knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him." Before this woman bowed down, she has already humbled herself. She humbled herself before she even touched Jesus. When you have faith in God, you can not think for yourself. Instead, you must allow God to think for you. You have to allow God to direct your footsteps, and lead you down the paths of righteousness. Jesus said in Luke 9:23,24, "*...If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall loose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.*"

3. Finally, we learn truthfulness. This word means honesty, upright, just, free from fraud, or a true statement. Mark teaches us that the woman told Jesus the truth. She was an honest woman seeking redemption. In verse 30 Jesus asked, "who touched my clothes? While the disciples were trying

## EVENT SCHEDULE



### Committee Meeting

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Each Month (15 Minutes after Worship Service)

#### Saturday Singles' Day,

January 20, 2007  
6:30 p.m.

Food fellowship and Bible discussion on ("Celibacy")-Location: Franklin Road Church of Christ Fellowship Hall

Saturday,  
February 10, 2007  
5:00 p.m.

Prepare fruit baskets In the Franklin Road Church of Christ Fellowship Hall

#### Saturday Singles' Day

February 17, 2007  
6:00 p.m.

Brown Bag & A Movie

#### In March & April Look For:

Singles vs Married Bowling Fellowship

Sunday,  
January 27, 2007  
2:00 p.m.

Hospital Visitation

Sunday,  
February 11, 2007  
3:00 p.m.

Deliver fruit baskets to the sick and shut-in

Financial Seminar

Feed the Homeless & Informational



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to figure out who touched Jesus, the woman "came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth." Therefore, it is important, that if we are going to be healed, we need to be truthful about the situation. When you go to God, be honest with yourself. Tell him the truth, and follow him according to the truth. The bible teaches in James 1:6, "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed." Again in John 8:32, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

In summary, and as that of the woman, you too can be healed by God's power. Just be faithful, humble yourself, and be truthful. Take heed to the words of Paul to the letter at Corinth when he said in 2 Corinthians 4:7-9, "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed."

SINGLE POETRY CORNER 

*Where Do We Go From Here?*

A gentle kiss has gone too far, where we go from here?  
A harmless touch that did too much, where do we go from here?  
A conversation with too much covetousness, where do we go from here?  
Our souls say depart, but our flesh is so weak, where do we go from here?  
We're doing today, what we were forgiven for last week, where do we go from here?  
We're true to our love, but are we being true to our Father, where do we go from here?  
We're true to our love for each other, but are we true to our love for our salvation, where do we go from here?  
Ask him and he will hear, our Lord, friend, and savior, Jesus Christ.

*Bro. Mario Puinnes*

CHRISTIAN TASK FORCE VERSE

"Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness"  
(Ephesians 6:14)

SINGLE TIP

Did you know that the food we eat has an impact on our health? Therefore, it is important that you watch what you eat. (WebMD)

BIRTHDAY WISH 

Happy Birthday to all of our January Singles. May you have prosperous and bless year!

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