

Scripture: Mark 5:25-34

Singing: 320:1, 2, 5 – 419:1-3 – 391:1-4 – 187:1-4

Intro: The miracles are powerful examples of *saving faith in action*

A. The 'unclean woman' *pictures* our spiritual problem (vs. 25-26)

1. what she had *physically*, we have *spiritually*: Mark 7:14-23

2. what her problem did to her is what it does to us: *unclean*

3. Her experience is what we be ours: *incurable* (Luke 8:43)

B. Good News of Mark: *Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is able to cure us* (1:1)

SAVING FAITH

I. Worked through the Word II. Active with the Word

III. Means to experience the power of Word

I. Saving faith is worked through the Word

A. How did the woman become a believer? (vs. 28; 34)

1. The Means: she heard the Word: vs. 27a

2. The Results: it worked faith in her heart Rom. 10:17
 - a. it **brought hope**: *He can help me!*

 - b. it **kindled faith & assurance**: *I shall (!) be whole*

B. The Analysis: God's Spirit works faith (vs. 34) through the Word!

1. Teaching: *without the new birth there will be no saving response to Gospel*
 - a. what is the 'saving response to the Gospel?'

 - b. what does this response to the Gospel reveal?
 - Eph. 1:19-20; 2:8; Phil. 1:29; 1 Thess. 1:5-6

II. Saving faith is an active and positive response to the Word

A. The similarity between *a living person and saving faith*

B. Saving faith is an active response as fruit of mysterious work of the Spirit

C. Her actions are *illustrations* of exercises of true saving faith!

1. She came to Jesus: *so do all believers* (John 6:35)

2. She pressed on to Jesus: *so do all believers* (Gen. 32:26)

3. She touched Jesus

D. Do you recognize such *soul responses in your own heart*?

III. Saving faith is the means to experience the power of the Word

A. As she touched Jesus, she experienced *power of Jesus* (vs. 29)

1. how she could not explain but that something changed, she knew

2. This again illustrates one of Jesus' truths: *by fruits ye know tree*

B. What are the 'fruit of saving faith in Gospel? (vs. 29)

1. sense of relief from burden of sin

2. sense of joy as we begin a new life

3. sense of *assurance* as His Word confirms what we experienced (vs. 34)

4. sense of *devotion* to Him who saved us (1 Thess. 1:9)

Close: Saving faith *embraces Christ as Savior and obeys Christ as Lord*