SPEAKING TO THAT EVIL FOUNTAIN

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Topic:

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Prayer

Father Almighty, thank You for today, we ask and pray that You speak through Your servant to us and bless our hearts with your infallible and enduring word in Jesus Name. Amen

Introduction

Today brethren, just as we have decreed that dry bones will rise again, so shall it be. A lot of dry bones both spiritually and physically shall rise again in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

St. Mark 5:25 And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years,

St. Mark 5:26 And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse,

St. Mark 5:27 When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment.

St. Mark 5:28 For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.

St. Mark 5:29 And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague.

St. Mark 5:30 And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes?

St. Mark 5:31 And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?

St. Mark 5:32 And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing.

St. Mark 5:33 But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth.

St. Mark 5:34 And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.

The cause of sicknesses in many people's lives today is themselves. Many times, we contribute to the growth of sicknesses and diseases in our body, thereby giving them the power to oppress us. Our text is about the story of a woman who we have all heard her story at one point or the other. Even though her name was never mentioned, yet her life serves as a very powerful inspiration to christians at large. Before we go into the text, let's briefly look at what a fountain is.

What is a fountain?

A fountain is the source from which something proceeds or is supplied. Every river or stream has its own fountain. A fountain is mainly a source. For everything that happens on Earth, there is always a source from which it springs forth. Whether diseases, sicknesses, poverty or any evil thing, there is always a source from which these things emanate from. The source is just like the

foundation of that thing and when the source of a problem is not addressed, the problem keeps giving birth to more problems. It's just like a tree which when you cut off its stems, it tends to grow from its sides. No matter the number of times you keep cutting its stems and branches, it keeps sprouting. Why is this so? It's because its roots (the source) have not been uprooted. Until the root is uprooted completely, the tree never stops growing. This is why the bible says that;

Matthew 15:13:

"But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up."

Meaning that it shall be uprooted and disconnected from its source. This is because the source is important to be addressed. The fountain of the problems of so many people is yet to be addressed and they think life would be easy. The devil does not want that to happen so he will definitely stand against such. The solution to the fountain of problems anybody might be passing through is Jesus Christ only. He is the way, the truth and the life. Let's quickly look at the story of the woman with the issue of blood and we will learn how to react to the fountain of our problems accurately. An Evil Fountain is an evil source of problems, sicknesses and diseases. Everything that comes from this fountain is always evil and has nothing good to offer mankind. Many are presently battling with this evil fountain and are finding it difficult to even trace where it is coming from. The most painful part is that some believers who are entitled to divine healing are also allowing themselves to be prey to evil fountains just because of lack of knowledge of who they are. No wonder it is written that my people perish because they lack knowledge. What a pity!

Mark 5:25:

"And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years,"

This woman had an issue of blood for good twelve years yet, but never gave up. Do you know how grown a twelve year old child is? She battled with the problem for good twelve years but she never stopped trying to work on the problem. Some people will give up after a few trials and start wishing that death takes them. Some stopped praying to God for a child after 2 years of barrenness. They have believed that God does not hear their prayers. This is not so! Persistence and perseverance is really required. We should be ready to suffer long and keep trying even though it looks as though it's not working. Many would have become great scientists if they had continued trying. But they gave up after a few attempts. If this woman had given up after a few years, she might have died with the issue of blood. But she kept on doing her best to address the fountain. We should bear in mind that fountains can sometimes take time in being addressed fully.

Mark 5:26:

"And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse,"

Various physicians had taken advantage of this woman because of her condition and had jilted her. She didn't find the right person who could address her issue so she kept on wasting all her money till she went bankrupt. This is to tell you that the fact that you are passing through tough times does not mean that people will pity you. Some will only add to your sorrow unless you meet the only one who cares,

Jesus Christ. She would have thought they could help her not knowing they were only after the little she has at hand. This is also to tell us that people will not stick to you if they are not gaining anything from you. So, irrespective of the relationship you find yourself in, know that the other party is getting something from you that's why he or she is sticking to you. Despite the money she had and all she had, her disease didn't leave her. All she had was not able to cure the disease. There are some things money cannot solve. There are some things your fame, position and power will not solve. This is the irony of life.

Mark 5:27-28:

"When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole."

This is one of the scriptures that ought to push christians to work. It is a scripture everybody needs to learn from. Have you imagined one of the General overseers we have in our various countries moving freely amongst the crowd? Do you know how surrounded he would be with a lot of people? Now imagine struggling through the crowd just to touch the hem of such a man's garment. It would be so difficult to do because of the multitude. Yet, this woman was not discouraged, she pushed through the crowd. Someone who had struggled and battled with an issue for 12 years without any positive result, she should be literally fed up or discouraged pushing through the crowd to touch the cloth of a person. But, she wasn't. She had the faith that if she could do such, she would be made whole. It is so funny to see that she addressed the issue that looked like a mountain which she had been battling with for years like an issue she had been battling with for just

3 days. How? If it were to be someone who lacked faith, she wouldn't have believed touching just the garment of Jesus would heal her. She would have thought her case is more than just touching His garment and would have loved it if Jesus placed His hands on her head. But, no, she treated her issue as though it was just a mere issue by having that little form of faith that touching the hem of Jesus' garment would do it.

We are also expected not to raise any situation we might be passing through more than Jesus. Sometimes, we see our situations as something too difficult for even Jesus to do and the more we see them this way, the more difficult they seem to us. This can paralyze one's faith and lengthen the time of one's deliverance. Also, our perspectives should be positive! She had already thought it in her heart that if I may but touch His clothes, I SHALL BE WHOLE. She didn't say, I MIGHT be whole, but I shall be whole. She was positive towards what she wanted to do. A lot of christians who have just a mere headache these days begin to lament that they won't pass away because of it. They keep allowing negativity in their hearts. This act will keep making one's problem worse and the headache which was merely a headache will start looking like a migraine and from migraine to paralysis and it keeps getting worse and worse. Why? Just because of the negativity allowed in the heart towards such a situation. I also want us to see that the woman did not think about partial deliverance but being whole. She never thought that the disease could go for a while and still come back but she thought of perfect and complete deliverance. Even as we speak to every evil fountain causing issues in our lives, let's always know that we are going to receive complete deliverance and not just partial. As long as

Jesus never healed partially but wholly in the bible, He will therefore, never heal us partially but wholly.

Mark 5:29-30:

"And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes?"

This woman was healed instantly according to what she had proclaimed in her heart. She was not partially healed but totally. The source of her blood issue dried up instantly. For that evil fountain to dry up, you have to touch Jesus just as the woman did. But since Jesus is not physically present here on Earth and He is inside us, we have the authority to speak to it and it dries up. I want us to know that if the source of a thing is not addressed, it will never be destroyed completely. There are some here who need to address the source of the curse which causes late marriages in their families. Some need to address that evil fountain which causes untimely death at the age of 40 in their families. While some need to address that evil fountain, some need to address that evil fountain causing strange poverty and barrenness in their families while some need to address the causes of bad marriage and poor children upbringing in their families. However, just the way the woman knew her disease, we need the correct and right information concerning the source of whatever we are passing through. Some need to ask about their birth from their parents, some need to ask about what was done to them when they were little while some need to ask about that evil shrine that they were dedicated to when they were young. So as to know where they

are directing their prayers to. Knowing the right point to direct our prayers to and the right steps to take is really important.

This teaching is to open our eyes to our rights in Christ and make us know who we truly are.

Mark 4:35-39:

"And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side. And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships. And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm."

When you look at these scriptures, you will notice that before the ship began to shake, it started with a storm of wind which later led to the waves beating the ship. But after Jesus woke up, what did He do first? He addressed the wind! He addressed the fountain of the turbulence. It all started with the wind and that was what He addressed first before He addressed the waves of the sea and told it to be still.

Addressing the source of an issue is paramount if we really want the issue to be cleared away completely.

Ways in addressing evil fountains:

1. **By Speaking words of authority through the Power of Jesus:**

One of the ways we are robbed of our entitlement in Christ is when we can't dominate over what has been placed under our feet already. If only many christians knew the meaning of what Christ did on the cross, they would have gotten so angry with themselves for being ignorant of their authority over the power of the devil. We should always speak with power and authority, not with fear. We have not been given the Spirit of fear but of boldness! Speaking positive things with authority and power for death lies in the power of the tongue and those that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

2. **Fast, pray and using the word efficiently:**

The ability to fast and pray is also essential. A prayerless christian is powerless and a slave to the devil. Because, the devil plays with such a person anyhow. Using the Word is something the power of darkness fears mostly. When you use the Word of God, it is like introducing the voice of God into such a situation and no power can dare withstand that. Therefore, using the Word of God also goes a long way in addressing these evil fountains

3. **Have faith:**

Just like the woman with the issue of blood, faith is one of the most essential things in perfecting one's deliverance. When there is a lack of faith that God can do it, such problems keep persisting. We should be ready to have faith no matter how small we might think it is. Even if it is as small as a mustard seed, it will move mountains.

4. **Learn more about your foundation:**

It's quite important to know more about the foundation of one's life, the story surrounding one's birth and a lot. We should ask questions

and seek answers from our parents or people who know the occurrences surrounding our birth. This will help us know where to come in from.

5. **Think positively and not negatively:**

Our mindset and thoughts towards situations really matters. Having positive thoughts concerning ourselves really matters. Negative thoughts do no harm to the body but only weakens the soul. Sustaining a positive lifestyle goes a long way. Settling for the less should not ever be our priority. If the woman with the issue of blood had settled for the less and given up, she might have died with such an issue. We are conquerors through Christ, let's encourage ourselves in the Lord. May the Lord be with us in Jesus' name.

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