

POWER ACADEMY

Switching On Your Faith

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1. **The Woman with the Issue of Blood** – Mark 5:25-34
(Matthew 9:20-22; Luke 8:40-56)
 - a. It says she didn't grow better, but only grew worse.
 - b. This woman had this bleeding condition for 12 years. However, your authority will *still work* even if you have been dealing with something for a long time.
 - c. When dealing with chronic conditions, they can become a part of our identity. This causes additional challenges than if you've been dealing with a headache for five minutes.
 - d. For example, when Carlie had epilepsy, it had become an intrinsic part of her identity. "My name is Carlie, and I have epilepsy."
 - e. Whether it is sick thinking, or poverty thinking, it gets down on the inside of you and changes how we relate to God, to others, and with the world around us. Then when we try to operate in authority, we wonder why it isn't working and become frustrated.
 - f. The main challenge that we face is a broken identity. The sickness had gotten down on the inside of her. She had to change her thinking before authority was going to work for her.
 - g. **There will be a turning point!**

2. **She heard the Word!**
 - a. Mark 5:27-28 – *"²⁷ When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment. ²⁸ For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well."*
 - b. **When she *heard* the Word, she allowed it to spark faith on the inside of her!**
 - c. Faith is how we access the promises of God (Romans 5:2).
 - d. Romans 10:17 – *"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."*
 - e. This woman didn't allow what she was hearing to just go in one ear and out the other! She allowed what she heard to drive her actions. (Faith without works is dead, James 2:14-26.)
 - f. Hearing the Word brings faith, and that faith influences our actions.
 - g. We know this woman was impacted by what she heard because she acted on it.

3. **Action is the fruit of faith!**
 - a. She *"came behind Him in the crowd"*. This woman could have been stoned for this, because the law said that with her condition she was "unclean" and should have been isolated, unable to make physical contact with anyone.

- b. Why did she touch Jesus' garment? How does that signify authority?
- c. In the Scriptures, garments are very important because they are a sign of authority and position.
 - Luke 15:22 – The Prodigal Son's father put the best robe on him, a ring on his finger, and sandals on his feet. He gave his son the identity of his son, regardless of his sin.
 - No matter how far you've run, or how long you've been fallen, the minute you turn back to the Father and responding to His voice, you are back in the family! Your identity is restored!
 - It is the goodness of God that brings us to repentance (Romans 2:4).
 - The ring is a symbol of authority.
 - The sandal exchange is a symbol of an exchange of identity (See Ruth 4:1-7 when Boaz exchanged his sandal to confirm "redeeming and exchanging" for Ruth and Naomi's land.)
- d. In those days, the hem of the garment was a placeholder for authority.
 - When King Saul was at David's mercy, David didn't kill Saul. He simply cut off the hem of his garment because it was a symbol of Saul's position and authority as the Lord's anointed (1 Samuel 24).
- e. This woman touched the hem of Jesus' garment because this was the man of authority she was looking for, to access the power He had!
- f. Numbers 15:38-40 – The tassels were symbolic to remind them of the commandments as a reminder of their deliverance from Egypt.
- g. When she grabbed Jesus' clothing, she wasn't just hanging on, begging Jesus for help. She was grabbing on to the authority, a symbol of her deliverance.

4. Her action caught on!

- a. Mark 6:56 – *"Wherever He entered, into villages, cities, or the country, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged Him that they **might just touch the hem of His garment**. And as many as touched Him were made well."*
- b. She reached out and touched the hem of His garment as a symbol of His authority.
- c. Malachi 4:2 – *"...The Sun of Righteousness shall arise With healing in His wings..."*
- d. This word for "wings" is the same word used in Numbers 15:38 for the corners of the fringe of the tassels on their robes.
- e. She knew when she saw the tassels, she knew there was healing in those tassels, that garment!

5. **She determined with her words and actions what she would receive!**

- a. Mark 5:28 – “*For she said, ‘If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well.’*”
- b. **Jesus didn’t determine how she would receive; she was the one who determined how she would receive her healing!**
- c. God is waiting for you to use your authority!
- d. Jeremiah 1:12 – “*...I am ready to perform My word.*”
- e. God is ready to perform His Word!

6. **The Words We Speak**

- a. John 6:63 – “*...The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.*”
- b. It isn’t the words that we think about that are spirit and life. It is the words that we **spea**k that are spirit and life!
- c. What are the words you are speaking?
- d. Proverbs 18:21 – “*Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.*”
- e. **The authority that God has given you is released through the words that you speak!**
- f. God has given you power and authority, but He cannot grab your lips and make you speak. You must speak the Word of God over your life.
- g. We don’t even have to touch Jesus’ clothes anymore because you have been filled with the power of Jesus on the inside of you!
- h. The word “spirit” in John 6:63 is the Greek word *pneuma*, which is the very breath of God. So, when we speak the Word, it is the very breath and power of the spirit of God that is coming out.
- i. The Word of God will prosper in what it is sent to accomplish (Isaiah 55:11).
- j. The Word is also the very life of God, *zoe* life. The vigorous life of God, the power-filled, blessed life that you are meant to live! (John 10:10.)
- k. When you speak you are injecting the power of God into that situation, calling those things that be not as though they are (Romans 4:17).
- l. God cannot do this for you!
- m. The fact that as humans we have the ability to speak is a testament to the authority we have been given. If Eve had realized her authority, the minute the snake began to speak to her, she would have told him to shut up!
- n. The enemy was using unauthorized authority.
- o. Your authority will not have any impact unless it is coming from a place of identity.
- p. You have the right to use the authority you have been given because of your identity as a child of God.

- q. Matthew 17:20 – *So Jesus said to them, “Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, **if you have faith** as a mustard seed, **you will say** to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.*
- r. **If you have faith, you will say!**
- s. Faith isn’t silent, but unbelief also speaks.

7. What if nothing seems to change?

- a. Mark 11:12-14 – ¹²Now the next day, when they had come out from Bethany, He was hungry. ¹³And seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He went to see if perhaps He would find something on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. ¹⁴In response Jesus said to it, “Let no one eat fruit from you ever again.” And His disciples heard it.
- b. The disciples witnessed this event. They heard Jesus curse the fig tree.
- c. Not only can our words speak life, our words can speak death as well. Speak death to the things of the enemy!
- d. James 3:1-12 – We must learn to tame our tongues so that we use it appropriately because what comes out of our mouths steers our entire lives, like the rudder of a ship or the bit in a horse’s mouth.
- e. Mark 11:20-24 – ²⁰**Now in the morning**, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree **dried up from the roots**. ²¹And Peter, remembering, said to Him, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away.” ²²So Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God. ²³For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. ²⁴Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.
- f. Jesus is saying that you can’t just be thinking it, you have to speak it. Have faith in God; faith speaks!
- g. There’s a lot more “saying” in those few verses than there is “believing”.
- h. Oftentimes, it isn’t that what we are believing is wrong. It’s that what we are speaking is not connected with what we are believing. Your authority is released through words!
- i. It’s important to note that verse 20 specifies that in the morning the disciples noticed that fig tree had dried up from the roots.
- j. Matthew 21:18-22 – ¹⁸Now in the morning, as He returned to the city, He was hungry. ¹⁹And seeing a fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it but leaves, and said to it, “Let no fruit grow on you ever again.” **Immediately the fig tree withered away**. ²⁰And when the disciples saw it, they marveled, saying, “How did the fig tree wither away so soon?” ²¹So Jesus answered and said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’

it will be done. ²² And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.”

- k. The Scripture does not contradict itself: it completes itself! These accounts may seem contradictory at first glance, but they are not.
- l. When Jesus cursed the fig tree, immediately it withered at the roots, below the surface, but the decay wasn't visible until they passed by the next day!
- m. When we release our authority through our words, they immediately go into action. However, sometimes the effect isn't visible right away. Those words are going to work in a realm that can't be seen yet.
- n. In those moments where you cannot see or feel an immediate effect, you cannot just give up! It doesn't mean that your words are not working! They ARE working!

8. Do You Believe the Word of God?

- a. Isaiah 55:11 – ¹¹ *So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. ¹² For you shall go out with joy, And be led out with peace; The mountains and the hills Shall break forth into singing before you, And all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.*
- b. Creation has no choice but to respond to spoken Word of God!
- c. So, we know (based on the Word of God) that our words of authority prosper in what they are sent to do. And then, **we are to go out with joy and be led forth with peace!**
- d. When Jesus spoke to the fig tree and nothing seemed to happen right away, He didn't say, "It didn't work! Am I really the Messiah?" He understood that His words were working in a realm He couldn't see with his natural eyes. He just moved on in joy and peace!
- e. Keep speaking the Word of God! Do not let the devil, or a lack of external evidence, steal your joy and peace!

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