



Miracle Through Language & Action Of Faith

"For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole" (Matthew 9:21).

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For this woman, her declaration of faith became the predecessor to her miracle, because of her corresponding action that brought fulfilment.

"And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him. 25 And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, 26 And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, 27 When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. 28 For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. 29 And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. 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? 31 And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? 32 And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing. 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. 34 And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague" (Mark 5:24-34).

Miracles may not just drop from the skies for anybody who may not value one, but definitely goes to those who seek God with all their heart. "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:13). This miracle teaches that:

- 1) Jesus was on His way to heal Jairus' twelve years old daughter, and that the crowd thronged Him (Mark 5:24; Luke 8:42).
- 2) "A certain woman" (Mark 5:25). It is not her name but her act of faith made her famous.
- 3) She had haemorrhaged for 12 years and suffered many things of many physicians and spent all that she had but the condition got worse (Mark 5:26; Luke 8:43); but she did not

"Declaration (or language) of faith is a predecessor to miracles"

give up looking for a solution nor thought Jesus would make her condition worse.

- 4) She responded positively to what she heard about Jesus by coming "behind Him" and touching His garment (Matthew 9:20; Mark 5:27; Luke 8:44). This was a courageous action of faith as she risked the consequences of making others unclean (Leviticus 15:19-27) and had to push others aside "in the press" in order to get to Jesus.
- 5) The reason for her action is "For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole" (Matthew 9:21; Mark 5:28).
- 6) Her faith worked for "immediately her issue of blood stanching" (Luke 8:44,47,48; Mark 5:29,34).
- 7) Jesus knew that "virtue had gone out of Him" (Mark 9:30; Luke 8:46), turned about and asked "Who touched my clothes?". Peter and others thought this was a mute question and said "Master, the multitude throng thee and press thee, and sayest thou Who touched me?" (Luke 8:45). Jesus distinguished the many other touches of curiosity or of the press from the touch of faith of this woman - hence His question.
- 8) After all had denied (including those who touched for curiosity and because of the press), the woman publicly owned up in a reverent posture (Mark 5:33; Luke 8:47), and was pleasantly surprised to hear the comforting words of Jesus "Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole, Go in Peace, and be whole of thy plague" (Luke 8:48; Mark 5:34; Matthew 9:22). Honesty is the best policy and attracts good rewards as she "was made whole from that hour".
- 9) Her faith made her whole, so will yours!