

# ***Amity Bible Church***

*“Knowing God and Making Him Known”*

**Sunday Bible Study**

**Series: God is \_\_\_\_\_**

**June 25, 2017**

**Text: Mark 5:25-34**

**Theme: “God is Able”**

**Key Observation:** The measure of hope each Christian has, can often times determine the trajectory of one’s life. People give up on marriage because they lose hope. They settle in relationships that are less than what God intended because they give up hope. The story in this text demonstrates how God is able to change our situation even in the midst of life’s most challenging circumstances.

**Context:** Jesus has just cast out demons from a ***demonized*** man. He is on His way to heal a ***dying*** girl. As He is on His way, He is interrupted by the faith of a ***diseased*** woman.

## **1) Her BROKENNESS (Mark 5:25-26)**

- a. She had a **Physical** Problem – She was bleeding for 12 years constantly.
- b. She had an **Emotional** Problem – She dealt with the disappointment of going from doctor to doctor. These doctors took advantage of her by taking her money knowing her situation was incurable, but her situation got worse instead of better.

- c. She had a **Financial** Problem – She had spent everything she had to try and get better.
- d. She had a **Social** Problem – Leviticus 15:25-27 – Because of her condition, she was kept in isolation. Everyone and everything she touched became ceremonially unclean making her someone everyone wanted to avoid.
- e. She had a **Sexual** Problem – If her husband touched her he was unclean for 7 days.
- f. In spite of her dire situation, she still possessed hope.

## 2) Her **BELIEF** (Mark 5:27-28)

- a. It says that she *“thought to herself”* that she could be healed if she touched Jesus’ garment.
- b. But where did she get that belief? It says, *“she heard about Jesus.”* Someone cared enough about her to tell her about what Jesus did for them or what He could do for her.
- c. **LESSON:** The trajectory of someone else’s life could be dependent upon your testimony. Share your testimony!
- d. Her belief then led her to take a **RADICAL ACTION**. Belief is great but *“faith without works is dead.”* She had the courage to do something she had never done before.
- e. This **RADICAL ACTION** is a result of **DESPERATION** overcoming **DESIRE**. *Desperation* leads to *action*. *Desire* leads to *talk*.

## 3) Her **BREAKTHROUGH** (Mark 5:29-34)

- a. Her breakthrough was **IMMEDIATE** – Her story teaches us that we serve a God who is **ABLE** to change things around quickly.

- b. Her breakthrough brought her **CLOSER** to God – Because of her pain, she sought to find Jesus. Could it be that God uses our pain to get our attention and draw us closer to Him? God not only desires to give us a breakthrough but also for us to have a relationship with Him.
- c. It led to her **TESTIMONY** – Luke 8:46-48 – Jesus did not let her get away without her sharing her testimony in the presence of all the people. When God does something for you, share your testimony every chance you get with every person you can.
- d. Jesus commended her **FAITH** – While we cannot twist the hand of God by our faith, there is some element here that lets us know that God often times responds to our faith.

### **HOPE = Hold On Pain Ends**