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And now for 7821, "The Miracles of Jesus - Part 6."

C. Elijah Bronner: Well, thank you for joining Brothers of The Word because brother, you need the word.

Now, we welcome all of you joining us by television and those of you joining us online in brothersoftheword.com or Facebook Live. Always a wonderful, wonderful joy and delight to have you to tune in and join us.

I would like to share just a little humor. "It's time to get up for church," a mother told her son. "You know today is Sunday." "I don't want to go," he replied. "I don't have any friends there. The music is awful and the sermons are boring." "But you have to go," the mother insisted. He said, "Why?" She said, "Because you're the pastor."

Well, we are sharing Part 6 of something that we've been talking about for a few weeks entitled, "The Miracles of Jesus." The Miracles of Jesus. And I've been simply highlighting certain miracles that Jesus performed as He walked the earth and we've been gleaning from them, learning from them. And let's look at one over in the Gospel of Mark. The Gospel of Mark Chapter 5. The Gospel of Mark Chapter 5. And we will read Verse 25 through 34. The Gospel of Mark Chapter 5 Verse 25 through 34. When you get there, say, "Amen."

Mark Chapter 5. Let's begin reading with Verse 25 and it reads, "And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, and had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, when she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind," or she came in the crowd that was -- she came behind Him in the crowd as you can see it, "and touched his garment. For she said, 'If I

may touch but His clothes, I shall be whole.’ 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?’ And His disciples said unto Him, ‘Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, ‘Who touched me?’ And He looked round about to see her that had done this thing. But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing that what was done in her, came and fell down before Him, and told Him all the truth. And He said unto her, ‘Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.’”

So, we’re talking about The Miracles of Jesus. This is Part 6. George Pearson said -- he said, “A miracle is the power of God on display for everyone to see.” So, miracles are events that demonstrate God’s power. They are events that demonstrate God’s power.

There are three New Testament words for miracles. First one is the English word “power” and the Greek is “dynamis” which means, “mighty deed.” The second one is “sign” which is the Greek word “semeion” which refers to a miracle that represents something else such as the Kingdom of God.

So, He did it as a sign that was to represent something, that the Kingdom of God is here. He did it. So, some miracles are signs to represent God that God is present, that this is His power and that he is working. That’s a sign.

Then, the third word is “wonder.” Signs and wonders. Wonder is the Greek word “teras” which indicates something extraordinary.

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So, God does extraordinary things. He does mighty deeds. He does signs and wonders just to showcase His power. The power of God at work in the earth produces miracles.

But I love this lady here. She had suffered a long time. Twelve years is a long time to deal with any type of illness especially when you have a continual bleeding that she had. This was probably -- most scholars believe that it was probably -- she had some internal bleeding probably from her uterus, it could’ve been

some tumors or something there, but she had this uterine bleeding here for 12 years. That's a long time to suffer.

And not only that. She suffered with the illness, then she suffered at the hand of many doctors. So, she probably had some good doctors who honestly tried to help and she probably had some doctors that didn't know what they were doing and they just made matter worse, just trying and experimenting. Probably, keeping her coming so that they can continue to charge her and take her money and so forth. So, she probably had a combination of the good and the bad.

But throughout all of that, she was never better but she grew worse. Isn't that something? You suffer a long time, spend all your money and then you've gotten worse. Man, that's something. Somebody said that we spend our health chasing money. Then, when we get old, we have to take our money to regain our health.

And then, when she heard of Jesus, she came in the crowd behind. Because this was sort of a private illness. So, this is not an illness that you just want to announce publicly. It was a private illness. And so, that's why she just kind of slipped into the crowd and wanted to touch His garment. And she says there, "If I can just touch His clothes, I'll be made whole."

Here are some points I want to just draw from this encounter. Number one, she was bold. She was bold. She didn't wait for God to do something. She initiated it herself. This speaks of boldness. She had a pushy faith. She had an elbowing faith. She elbowed her way through the crowd. That's boldness.

Number one, she wasn't even supposed to be out there because her condition, by law, was unclean. And if you touch somebody that was unclean with this condition, you had to go wash yourself and you had to be isolated and, you know, there's a whole ritual of things. So, number one, she wasn't even supposed to be out there.

So, she was taking a lot of risk, but so, you will take risk when you're desperate. When you're desperate. And she was desperate in her life after suffering for 12 years and suffered and lost all of her money. So, she was desperate. So, she had a boldness. She had a boldness. She was willing to dare and do something.

Willing to get out on the edge and this was a desperate faith, a pushy faith. I like that.

It lets us know that we can't be passive waiting on God. God is waiting on you to do something. God is waiting on you to do something. I want you to get a hold of this faith pulls on the power of God. Faith pulls on the power of God. It makes a demand on it.

The power of God is always present. It's always present because God is always present. He's omni present. God is everywhere. So, the power of God is always present, but miracles aren't happening because there is no demand placed on that power. Faith pulls on the power of God. Faith pulls on that power.

Jesus did some miracles by His own sovereignty as God. He did some miracles based on the faith that people had for other people and He did some miracles based on the individual's faith themselves, and that is the most notable faith. The faith that they had for themselves. And so, He worked according to faith.

But I love this woman. She was not deterred by circumstances. She was not discouraged by people. She was relentless and I'm relenting in her pursuit. She had the courage to pursue. She had a bold faith and she went after her healing, and she literally took her healing. She put a demand on the power of God by faith and she drew her healing from Him.

Now, I want you to notice something in Verse number 28 where she said, "If I may touch but His clothes, I shall be whole." A lot of different trains of thoughts on that. The power of God rest -- it is able to rest in fabric because God, the Bible says in the Book of Acts, I believe Chapter 19.

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Don't quote me on that, but I believe Chapter 19 Verse 11. The power says that, "God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul." So, the cloth and aprons and handkerchiefs from His body were taken and laid on the sick and they were healed.

And so, there was a precedent -- but this happened after this woman. So, when this woman did it, there was no precedent for healing to be in cloth. Of course, in the Book of Psalms Chapter

1 and 33. I believe it says, "How wonderful it is for the brother and to dwell together in unity for it is like the precious ointment upon the priest head that runs down to the beard even Aaron's beard down to the skirts of His garments even down to the borders of His garment." And so, the anointing gets into the cloth. And so, we see it there in Psalms that the anointing -- so, this woman might have just figured that this guy was so full of healing that it was just oozing out of Him from everywhere. So, she figured it's probably in His clothes because He is a powerful guy. So, she wanted to touch His clothes.

But here is something interesting that I want to realize now. Three gospels account this particular miracle. So, Matthew talks about it. Mark talks about it. Luke talks about it. And in the Gospel of Matthew, Matthew doesn't say that she touched His clothes. Matthew says that she touched His hand, and there was a big significant difference between the two. And also, Luke says that she touched the border of his clothes, the hem. She touched the hem. And so, there was something very powerful about the hem. There was something very powerful about the hem.

Now, the definition of hem is a tassel of twisted wool. It's a tassel of twisted wool. If you all remember your graduation caps that you had from high school or college, you remember the little tassel? Well, that's what the hem is. It's a tassel and these tassels were placed on the borders of the garments back in the old days and they were there for a particular reason. They were there because God wanted the people to remember His commandments and He wanted them to do His commandments. So, He said, "I want you to put these tassels on the hem of your garments. So, as you walk around, you will see these tassels and they will remind you to keep my commandments." So, the tassels were to represent God's commandments.

I have a picture. Ave, if you can put up the first picture. This is a picture of one of the tassels. So, this is what the woman touched. Now, if you noticed, this tassel was hanging down. Jesus either had on -- Ave, if you can show the second picture. Jesus either had on sort of a prayer shawl type of garment such as you see there, you can see the tassels hanging down from that, or He had on a four-length robe that simply had tassels attached to the bottom of it. But that is what the lady grabbed. She grabbed the tassel. She grabbed the tassels.

The tassels had a huge significance in those days. The tassel represented the commandments of God and actually, when you look at the tassel -- I actually have -- I didn't bring it, but I have a prayer shawl at home and it has those tassels on it. And so, when I looked at the tassels in the four corners of the garment, there's a tassel in the corners of the four corners of the garment, that tassel hangs down. The tassel has five knots on it. It has five knots on it and then is weaved with eight strands of cloth that hangs from it. So, it has five knots and eight strands, and five plus eight equals, thirteen.

Now, the Hebrew word for this hem or tassel, the numerical number for the Hebrew word, they have numbers attached to words. They represent a certain number. So, the Hebrew word for hem or tassel, the number that it represents is the number 600. It represents 600. Hem or tassel represents 600. And then, you have five knots and eight strands. That's 13. So, 600 plus 13 is 613. Well, that's how many laws there were in the Bible, 613 laws. And so, they were built into the tassel and the Jews wear this on their garments representing the law, keeping God's law, that they are God's covenant people and that God has all of these 613 commandments. And so, they wear them on their robes, the tassel hanging from the robe or hanging from the prayer shawl, and that's what Jesus had on because he was a Jew.

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So, He was most likely wearing either the prayer shawl or He was wearing the gown with the tassels hanging.

And that's what the woman grabbed because in her mind, she knew that if you kept all of those commandments, healing belong to you. Healing was a part of the blessing of the Lord. If you've kept His commandments, divine healing was yours. However, she knew she had not kept all of the commandments, but she knew He had. She knew He had never sinned. She knew He was perfect. She knew He was righteous. And so, what she was saying is, "If I can just touch, if I can touch the obedience and the righteousness of this man, then the healing that belongs to Him will come into my life."

So, she was literally touching the blessing that belonged to Him. And that's what Jesus did. Jesus substituted or exchanged His blessing for our curse. The curse was due on us because we break

the law. So, the curse was due on us, the blessing was due on Jesus because He kept the law. She understood the exchange that, "If I can touch what represents His obedience to the law, He is keeping the law where it represents His righteousness, His covenant with God, then I also tap in to the blessing that comes to Him."

And so, she wasn't looking at herself, she was looking at Him. He is righteous. He is holy. He is obedient. And it belongs to Him and I have identified with Him. And so, His blessing now becomes my blessing. This is who we are in Christ Jesus. What He has is now ours. His righteousness is now our righteousness. He who knew no sin was made to be sin that we might be made the very righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. And so, she tapped in to the righteousness of God that was in that hem and she received her healing.

So, I wanted you to see the Hebrew significance of the hem. The Hebrew significance of what she understood. Now, check this out. Turn to your neighbor and say, "Check this out." Check this out. I just love this. I love this part.

The Hebrew word for hem or tassel is also translated as wing, W-I-N-G. Wing. Everybody say, "Wing." So, the hem or tassel is also translated as wing. Now, if you open your Bible and flip over to the Book of Malachi Chapter 4 Verse 2. This woman probably knew the scripture or had heard it.

Malachi Chapter 4 Verse 2 says that the sun of righteousness, it's a prophecy about Jesus, the coming of Jesus that the sun righteousness, S-U-N. It calls them the S-U-N. "The sun of righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings." So, the prophecy was that Jesus would have healing in the wings of His garment. So, she probably had heard that and that's why she went for the wings. She said, "This is the Messiah who was prophesied to have healing in those wings." And she went to grab that wing. She went to grab the hem of His garment because she probably had heard Malachi 4:2, "The sun of righteousness would arise with healing in His wings." In His hem. In His garment. Praise God. Praise God.

So, I just wanted you to get a little background on that. Also, in the ancient eastern part of the world, the corner of the garment represented your identity. So, everything that a person was and

all of their authority was represented in those tassels. So, they put tassels on the robe and that was your identity.

If you recall, King David, he cut off one of the corners of Saul's robes in the cave and he felt bad after he did it because he realized that corner that he cut off represented the king's authority. That was his identity. And that's why David felt bad about cutting off part of his robe, that corner of his robe because the person's identity was in the tassel, was in the hem.

And you will also find it over in the Book of Ruth. Ruth asked Boaz, she said, "Cover me." She said, "Cover me with your garment. Cover me with the corner of your garment. Give me your identity. Cover me with your identity." In fact, God even relates to Israel that, "I will cover you. I will cover you with the corner of my garment. I'll identify with you."

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Wings under His wings. He takes us under His wings. That's the corner of His garment. We identify with Him. God identifies with His people taking us under His wings. So, the corner of the garment represented identity. And so, when she grabbed His hem, that was identity of who He is. Who He is. His authority. Who He was. The son of God. The authority that He carry. She grabbed His identity to say, "Jesus I identify with you. Jesus, I want my life to identify with you. Jesus, I want you identify with you." So, she grabbed the hem on His garment. She's saying, "I identify with you. Identify with you." Praise God. Praise God.

Aren't you all happy that we have grabbed the hem of His garment because we identify with Him. We identify with Him. Our identity is in Him. Praise God.

Here are a couple of other important I wanted to share with you concerning this. Here are four great things I want you to notice that this woman did. First of all, Jesus after she had touched the hem of His garment and power went out of Him, Jesus looked around and said, "Who did this?" And that's the reason He wanted to know who did it and He began looking for the woman. Matthew says He was actually certain he was looking for her.

Now, this also shows you the humanity of Jesus because Jesus didn't exactly know who it was. Most people think that Jesus

lived as God. He didn't. Jesus lived as a man. He got tired, He rested, He prayed, He ate, He did everything we do. He came to earth. Even though He was God, He came to earth to identify with us as a man. He lived as a man.

He lived as a man anointed by the Spirit. He was full of the Holy Ghost. He had the Holy Spirit without measure, but Jesus lived as a man. This proves because He didn't exactly know who touched Him. If He was living as God, He would've known who touched. He didn't exactly know. He was a man. Jesus lived as a man empowered by the Holy Spirit. He didn't even begin doing miracles until the Holy Spirit came upon Him to show us how we can live our lives filled with the Holy Spirit. And so, Jesus lived as a man operating and all the spiritual gifts.

To be honest with you, most of the miracles that Jesus did, most of them had been done in the Old Testament. If you study your Bible, you'll see Elijah did most of the same miracles. The only thing Jesus did really is God has died for our sins and He forgave sin. That's the only really distinction as far as His miracle power. The old covenant prophets, they operate it under that same anointing to show us what we can operate and as men and women anointed by the Holy Spirit. Man, that would make somebody excited. Praise God. Praise God.

And so, Jesus lived as a man anointed by the Holy Spirit. Even though He was fully God and fully man, He lived so He can identify with us. He came to see what it was like because He had to do it as a man to show us the way how to live. He had to show us how to live. And if He had done it as God, we could've said, "Well, Jesus, that's easy for you to do. You're God." But you can't say that because He did it as a man. He did it as a man. He sweated, He got tired, He slept, He ate, He did everything as a man. So, that's why he didn't exactly know who it is. But He wanted her to come forth because even though she had already been healed, He didn't want her to remain faithless and nameless in a crowd. He didn't want her to be anonymous. He wanted her to come face-to-face as to say to all of us, "I want you to have a relationship with me. I don't want you to have my power. I want to know you."

He brought the woman to the forefront so she can know Him. So that she can know Him. And so, He not only healed her, but then He accepted her and loved her. He gave her acceptance. "This

woman was unclean. All she had heard for 12 years was unclean.” Now, He says, “Daughter. Daughter, your faith has made you whole and I want you to go in peace.” He gives love and acceptance. So, He not only heals her body, He heals her motion, He heals all the trauma, He heals her identity. She had been in isolation. He heals all of that. He said, “Daughter, you’ve been made whole. Go in peace.” She brought Him face-to-face to a relationship to say to all of us, “I want to know you face-to-face. I want you to have relationship with me.” Praise God.

I’m on my last one. Stand up on your feet. Man, I’m just out of time. I’m out of time. Man, where does the time go when you’re having fun. Praise God. Praise God.

But this woman, she did four things. She said, “If I may touch to Him on His garment, I’ll be made whole.” She said it, then she did it. She received it, then she told it. We had to say it with our mouths, then you do it. You act, faith without works is dead. You say it, you do it, you receive it, then you share it with others. Her faith, her testimony empowered others, inspired others, encouraged others.

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In fact, Jairus was taking Jesus to his house when this woman did this. Can you imagine how this inspired Jairus? Jairus had to say, “Man, His only way to heal my daughter, He just healed this woman. Think of how that inspired His faith? He is the Messiah. He is the son of God.” So, we are to share our testimony. You’re going to let people know what God has done in your life. You share it. You say it. You do it. You receive it and you share it.

She only came because she had heard of Jesus. That’s the only reason. Somebody had shared Jesus with her. That’s what gave her the faith and the courage to come. Who have you shared your testimony with? Who have you shared Jesus with? You got to share His salvation. Share His love. Share His healing. Share His power. That is at work and that you’ve seen in your own life. You got to share it. You got to share it.

She said it, she did it, she received it, and she shared it. That’s the formula for receiving from God. You say it, do it, receive it, and share it. Say it with me. Say it, do it, receive it, and share

it. Say it again. Say it, do it, receive it, and share it. Say it, do it, receive it, and share it. Praise God.

Well, praise God. I have preached myself overtime. Glory! Glory! Glory! Praise God. I've never run overtime, so it's okay for me to have one Thursday over. I haven't been over time in at least a year. Praise God. God is so good, man. God wants to do His miraculous miracles in our midst and in our lives. He wants people not to forget He is the God that does wonders, He is the God that does miracles and His power is alive and it is active, and God is working in the earth and He wants somebody to believe and He wants somebody to place a demand on that power using your faith. Praise God. Praise God. God is miraculous and He's a wonder working God. And He's doing unusual miracles and signs and wonders.

Folks, we're in the end times now and we're dealing with a generation that's a different generation. It's going to take the miracle power of God to show up, show in this generation, and show that there is a God in the church and He's doing miracles. He's doing miracles today. He's doing miracles today. And God wants you to release your faith for His miracle working power, for His miracle working power that's alive and well. His dynamis. His signs. His wonders. His unusual miracles, peculiar miracles.

Believe the power of God the way this woman did. Believe in the power of God the way this woman did and she received it. She drew it. She made a demand on the power of God by her faith. Praise God. How are we going to see any miracles if nobody is believing for Him? We have to believe for Him. You got to believe for Him. You got to reach for Him. You got to go for Him. Power of God is always present to work on our behalf. Will release this power and walk in this power, and walk in this anointing, and walk in the spirit. We walk in His love and in His authority. He has given us His righteousness and we've been allowed to touch His hem. Praise God. Praise God. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Let's pray. Father, we just thank you so much. Thank you for your word, Lord. We thank you for your spirit and for your power. Father, I just pray for anybody who's dealing with anything that could use a miracle in their lives and I just pray that they reach out right now, Lord, and receive it by faith in any area of life.

Father, we just thank you for the miracle working power of God that's alive and well today. We believe your word and we thank you for your son, Jesus, who's at work in our midst today and we have grabbed the hold of the hem of His garment, Lord. We identify with you and because you are righteous, we are righteous. Because the blessing is due on you, the blessing is due on us and we walk in light of that grace that's been revealed by your hem. And this in Jesus' name, we pray. Let every heart say, "Amen." Amen. Amen. Amen.

Give the Lord praise for His word. Amen. Amen. Amen.

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