

# AGGRESSIVE RECEIVING

## LESSON 22 – OUTLINE

- I. Mark's Gospel records an awesome example of the laws of faith in operation (Mark 5:25-34).
- A. The Lord felt virtue flow out of Him and turned around, asking, "*Who touched my clothes?*" (Mark 5:30).

*And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.*

**LUKE 2:52**

- B. Most people think God sizes us up when we come to Him with a request.
- C. But that's not what happened here.
- D. She put the laws of faith into action, and the power of God automatically flowed.

*For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.*

**MARK 5:28, EMPHASIS MINE**

- II. This woman acted on her faith.

*Faith without works is dead.*

**JAMES 2:20**

- A. The only logical explanation for her touching the hem of Jesus' garment is that this woman was probably on her hands and knees, crawling through the mass of people.
- B. This illustrates another law of faith—earnestness.
- C. You can't receive the things of God by just passively seeking them.

*And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.*

**JEREMIAH 29:13**

- D. When you get aggressive, like this woman, where you are willing to risk even your own life in order to receive, you will receive.

- E. It takes this type of aggressive attitude to effectively receive from God.
- III. This woman put a number of the laws of faith into operation, and the healing virtue of God flowed to her automatically.
  - A. The Lord isn't healing one and refusing another.
  - B. There are laws that govern how God's power works.
  - C. We can violate those laws and miss out on the blessings God's has already given us, or we can learn what the laws are, cooperate with them, and experience the abundant life He has provided.
  - D. It's up to us.
- IV. Receiving from God isn't about how He feels toward you.
  - A. If that were the only issue, then we would all be perfect in every way.
  - B. It's what God wants for each and every one of us!
  - C. But there are laws that must be put into effect in order to receive the things God has for us.
  - D. It's our misuse of these laws that is literally killing us.

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## LESSON 22 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. According to Mark 5:30, what did Jesus immediately know in Himself?
2. What did He then do?
3. What did He say?
4. Luke 2:52 reveals that Jesus increased in what?
  - A. Wisdom
  - B. Stature
  - C. Favor with God
  - D. Favor with man
  - E. All of the above
  - F. None of the above
5. According to Mark 5:28, what did the woman do?
6. *"If I may touch but His \_\_\_\_."*
7. *"I shall be \_\_\_\_."*
8. Mark 11:23 instructs us to do what unto this mountain?
9. We should believe that what things shall come to pass?
10. We shall have whatsoever we what?
11. According James 2:20, what is dead?
12. Jeremiah 29:13 reveals that we'll find God when?
13. According to Mark 5:25-26, what did a certain woman have?
14. How long?
15. What had she suffered?
16. Of whom?
17. What had she spent?
18. Was she bettered?

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## LESSON 22 – SCRIPTURES

### **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?

### **LUKE 2:52**

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

### **MARK 5:28**

For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.

### **MARK 11:23**

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

### **JAMES 2:20**

But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

### **JEREMIAH 29:13**

And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

### **MARK 5:25-26**

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.