



Ministry of Biblical Studies

FEBRUARY BIBLE STUDY SERIES

February 12th @ 11am | Faith That Activates Miracles



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Welcome to the Metropolitan Community Church
Ministry of Biblical Study Classes
February 12, 2025

“Faith That Activates Miracles”

11:00am - 11:45am

Scripture Focus:

- **Mark 5:25–34** (The woman with the issue of blood)

Introduction:

- **Key Verse:** Hebrews 11:1
 - “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”
 - Define faith as a confident trust in God’s ability to act according to His promises.

Purpose of the Study:

- To explore how faith activates God’s miraculous power and learn how to apply such faith in our lives.

Scripture Study: Mark 5:25–34

Background and Context:

- The woman suffered from a chronic condition for 12 years, exhausting all her resources with no cure.
- Her condition made her ceremonially unclean, isolating her from society and the temple.

Detailed Breakdown of the Passage:

- Verses 25–26: The woman’s condition and desperation.
- Verses 27–28: Her faith-filled action—believing that touching Jesus’ garment would heal her.
- Verses 29–30: The immediate result of her faith—healing and Jesus’ recognition of her touch.
- Verses 31–34: Jesus’ response, affirming her faith as the key to her miracle.

Key Lessons on Faith That Activates Miracles

Faith Requires Action

- The woman didn't wait for Jesus to come to her; she pressed through the crowd to touch Him.
 - **Application:** Faith often requires us to take bold, sometimes uncomfortable, steps toward God.

Faith Overcomes Obstacles

- She overcame physical weakness, societal rejection, and fear of being noticed to reach Jesus.
 - **Application:** Faith pushes past doubts, fears, and external challenges to access God's power.

Faith is Focused on Jesus

- Her belief wasn't in the garment itself but in Jesus' power to heal.
 - **Application:** Genuine faith centers on who Jesus is, not on external rituals or symbols.

Faith Brings Healing and Restoration

- Jesus not only healed her body but also restored her dignity, calling her "daughter."
 - **Application:** Faith opens the door for physical, emotional, and spiritual healing.

Class Discussion

Reflection Questions:

- What obstacles have you faced that tested your faith?
- How can you actively "press through the crowd" in your own life to touch Jesus?
- Why is it important to recognize that faith must be in Jesus, not in the miracle itself?

Encourage Others:

- Share testimonies of times their faith activated a breakthrough or miracle.

Practical Application

Steps to Activate Your Faith:

- Identify areas where you need God's intervention.
- Pray boldly and specifically for those needs.
- Take a step of faith, trusting God to act in His timing.

Faith Challenge for the Week:

- Write down one area in your life where you need a miracle.
- Each day, declare God's promises over that situation and take one action that demonstrates your trust in Him.

Closing

Summarize Key Points:

- Faith that activates miracles is persistent, focused on Jesus, and willing to take bold steps.
- When we move in faith, we position ourselves to see God's power at work.

Closing Prayer:

Homework Assignment:

- Read Hebrews 11 and reflect on how the faith of biblical figures activated God's power in their lives. Write down three ways you can grow your faith this week.

