



## LIFE GROUP LESSON

### "YOUR FAITH WILL MAKE YOU WHOLE"

October 2023

**Objective:** To understand that believing and receiving by faith what God has revealed in his Word will cause wholeness in our lives.

**Life Group Leader Preparation:** Our faith in God will make us whole, faith in his unconditional love, faith in his ability to heal, faith in his power to help us and others. Faith that he has my “good outcome” first on his mind. Faith that God’s influence in our lives can and will transform us.

#### **Mark 5:25-34 – The Woman with the issue of blood**

Verse 30 – Jesus knew immediately that **virtue** had gone out of him.

- **Virtue** (Greek- dunamis, “power”)

Verse 34 - **thy faith** hath made thee whole; go in peace and be whole of thy plague.

- It was **her** faith that made her whole (her faith caused her to be healed). Jesus did not say my power has made you whole. The woman’s faith released the power to heal from Jesus and she was made whole.

Faith releases God’s power in us to change and transform circumstances, situations, or beliefs. Jesus said (our) faith will move mountains.

#### **Luke 7:36-50 – The Woman with the alabaster box**

Verse 50 - Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.

- **Luke 7:50 (AMP):** But Jesus said to the woman, your faith has saved you; go (enter) into peace [in freedom from all the distresses that are experienced as the result of sin].

**Hebrews 11:1** – Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Each woman went “hoping” for something from Jesus. One for healing, the other for forgiveness; each was made whole because of her faith.

## **Week 1 – Faith is acting on what you believe to be whole**

**Discussion Question:** What is faith? Share a personal example of how you have used faith and got results?

**Faith is acting on what you believe....** the woman with issue of blood SAID if I just touch the hem of his garment, I WILL BE WHOLE. Even though she should not have been in public because of her condition, she acted on what she believed, and her faith moved her to go outside into the public to receive her healing.

1. **James 2:20** (KJV) – But do you want to know O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?
2. **James 2:20** (Weymouth) Faith without corresponding actions will not work on your behalf.

**Jesus said your faith has made you whole.**

*Whole:* Altogether, entire, sound, complete, through and through, to be in good health, sound, to be made whole, able, to save thoroughly, delivered, rescued (Vines Dictionary)

Satan comes to steal the word so that we cannot be healed, productive, successful, he knows that faith comes when you hear the word, which is the reason he comes immediately to steal it out of our heart.

**Mark 4:13, 14** – Jesus said when the word is sown, Satan cometh immediately and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.

- If Satan steals the word, we won't have biblical faith to be whole.

**Proverbs 4:20-21** – Keep His word in your heart, do not let them depart....

Verse 25 – let your eyes look right on [fixed with purpose]; consider what you see

Verse 26 – stay on course.

Verse 27 – do not get sidetracked.

**Make It Personal – Believe God's word is true for you, and act on it**

**Group Interaction:** Share scriptures from God's word that you are hearing and speaking on a regular basis which is changing the way you think.

## Week 2 – Hold fast to the confession of your faith to be whole

**Discussion Question:** Have you been guilty of saying something that is contrary to God's Word?

**Confession:** To agree with or say the same thing. Agreeing with what we hear from the Word is essential to our faith making us whole.

- “By Jesus stripes we are healed” – *1 Peter 2:24*
- “He shall have whatsoever he saith” – *Mark 11:23*

**Hebrews 10:23** – Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

- Keep your mind on God's promises, so that you do not become double-minded.
- Continue, don't give up because of what you see or hear.
  - But the natural man does not receive the things of God: for they are spiritually discerned. *1 Corinthians 2:14*

Remember FAITH pleases God – *Hebrews 11:6*

Stand firm in your FAITH – *1 Corinthians 16:13 (AMP)*

- *Psalms 139:14 (AMP)* – I will confess and praise You for You are fearful and wonderful and for the awful wonder of my birth! Wonderful are Your works, and that my inner self knows right well.

## Week 3 –Developing your faith to be whole

**Discussion Question:** Is there something that you are believing God for and it has not happened yet?

God kind of faith enables us to understand spiritual things.

**1 Corinthians 2:14** "But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned".

**Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**

*Moffatt's translation of this verse reads, "Now faith means that we are confident of what we hope for, convinced of what we do not see."*

**Know and remember...**

- *Romans 12:3* – God has dealt to every man the measure of faith.

- *2 Corinthians 13:5* – Examine yourselves, whether ye be in faith; prove your own selves.
- *1 Thessalonians 3:2-3* – Afflictions, temptations or trails come our way  
The tempter comes to tempt you but stand fast.
  - The woman with the issue of blood had been to many doctors, but grew worse, she had spent all she had.

#### **Continue in the Word of God – *John 8:31-32***

God's word will make you free (keep hearing and hearing)

God's word does not return void, FAITH WILL COME

- *Isaiah 55:11* (AMP) – So shall My word be that goes forth out of My mouth: it shall not return to Me void [without producing any effect, useless], but it shall accomplish that which I please and purpose, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

#### **Praying in the Holy Ghost**

- *1 Corinthians 14:4* (TLB) – So a person “speaking in tongues” helps himself and grows spiritually.
  - *Jude 1:20* (TLB) – must build up your lives ever more strongly upon the foundation of our holy faith, learning to pray in the power and strength of the Holy Spirit.

#### **Faith Works by Love**

- *Galatians 5:6* .... but faith worketh by love.
- *Mark 11:25* - And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him and let it drop (leave it, let it go), in order that your Father Who is in heaven may also forgive you your [own] failings and shortcomings and let them drop.

### **Week 4 – Faith in the Name of Jesus will make you whole**

**Discussion Question:** How do you practice your position and authority that you have in Christ? Share an example.

*Acts 3:16* – And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know. Yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

**Our Authority:** *Mark 16:17, 18* – And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

**Our position in the Body of Christ:** *Ephesians 1:19-23* – And what is the exceeding greatness of his POWER toward us who BELIEVE, according to the working of his MIGHTY POWER, which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him (Jesus his Son) at his OWN right hand in heavenly places, FAR ABOVE ALL principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and EVERY NAME that is NAMED, not only in this world, but ALSO in the world to come: And has put ALL THINGS UNDER his feet, and gave him (Jesus) to be the head over all things to the church, which is HIS BODY, the FULLNESS of him that fills all in all.”

- This covers everything, and there is nothing left which is not under the name of Jesus, which means that absolutely everything is under the name of Jesus.

**Our Praise & Worship:** No unbelief or distrust made him waver (doubtingly question) concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong and was empowered by faith as he gave praise and glory to God. *Romans 4:20 (AMP)*