

Introduction:

- Two big things that are happening in the life of our church in May.
 - One, is 21 Day prayer and fasting for Israel. We are joining 1 million believers May, 7th-28th.
 - May 19, 20, 21 We are hosting Pastor Mike Fehlauer along with 4 other churches for three nights: Revival Wells, Open Up!
- 1 Cor 12:9 and 10 lists the power gifts: gift of faith, gifts of healing, gift of miracles.
 - I want us to believe God this morning for the operation of these gifts, in you, in this service.
 - Let's invite the Holy Spirit to the work through us today.
- Bringing clarity regarding the difference between miracles signs and wonders.
 - Some say healings are gradual, miracles are instantaneous.
 - But in scripture, some healings are instantaneous. IE. Jesus healed them all. Bent over woman. Was it a healing? Yes. Was it a sign? Yes, it pointed to Jesus/Messiah.
 - Some healings are gradual...as they went they were healed. Ie. 10 lepers of Luke 17:14. So if you receive prayer today and do not see anything instantly, DO NOT SAY I DID NOT GET HEALED, receive it as you go. I read about a lady healed of thyroid problem. Hers was dead, not working. She received prayer kept taking her medication and for the next two years her confession was, I am healed. At two years she took her meds and got sick. She went to doctor a he said she did not need her medication any more. She was healed.
 - Some say creative miracles are different than miracles.
 - A miracle would be a deaf person hearing. Creative miracle would be a person who has no inner ear suddenly hears because God gave them parts.
 - Then you have signs and wonders. Ie. metal or screws disappear in ones body. A limb grows out, everyone with back problems gets healed.
 - Signs point to Jesus.
 - Wonders make us stand in wonder/WOW!
- *Luke 13:11-17, (I came, I stood, I praised); John 9:1-38 (I went, I washed, I saw)

I. The Woman With The Spirit of Infirmity

- A. This story centers around a woman with a 'spirit of disability.' ESV
1. Some translations say, 'spirit of infirmity.' NKJV The Gr. word used literally means weakness. It can also mean "special sickness" (not seen a lot) I have found that Satans work is always to weaken us and none of it is 'special'. All sickness is limited death. Thank God for Jesus and His resurrection power that raises us!
 2. She had a spirit of weakness for 18 years.
 - a) Luke, the Doctor/Physician writes this. The Dr. is writing about demons! Jesus discerns that she has a demon. (Is it in her or one her?) Does not matter, it is a

- demon tormenting her and it has to go!
- b) She has dealt with this weakness for 18 years. Most people will get comfortable with their weakness quite quickly. They accept it. When that happens you start to own it.
- B. She was bent over and could not straighten herself up.
1. We do not know anything about this woman.
 2. Except that after 18 years with this demon she is still going to temple to worship. We can assume that she had some faith in God; to be going to temple all these years. So she came to temple/church.

II. Jesus With The Anointing

- A. The anointing destroys yokes of bondage! The Christ, the Anointed One is teaching in the synagogue.
1. *"It shall come to pass in that day That his burden will be taken away from your shoulder, And his yoke from your neck, And the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing oil."* (Isaiah 10:27, NKJV)
 2. *"And you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."* (Acts 10:38, NLT) I want God with me to do that!
 3. *"Jesus of Nazareth was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit and with great power. He did wonderful things for others and divinely healed all who were under the tyranny of the devil, for God had anointed him."* (Acts 10:38, TPT)
- B. Like the blind man from two weeks ago, John 9. (I went, I washed, I saw) Jesus approaches the woman. She did not approach Him. He is teaching and interrupts His sermon...
1. This reveals to us the heart of Jesus. He desires and loves to destroy demonic oppression! He loves when His people are free!
 2. Watch Jesus: The structure of the synagogue service was about to change because of Jesus.
 - a) Jesus saw her! We are so tempted to think that Jesus does not see us when we are waiting, contending, believing God to work on our behalf.
 - b) Jesus called her over to Him. He wanted her near at that moment! She was going to get close to the presence of the Living God!
 - c) Jesus said to her! *"Woman you are freed from your disability/infirmary."*
 - (1) 'Freed' comes from the Greek word απολυω/ απολυω
 - (2) λυω - meaning to be loosed, released, dissolved, untied, set free!
 - (3) απο - is a preposition meaning from or away from
 - (4) Jesus with His words relocated that demon to a place away from this

woman.

- (5) He separated her, a child of Abraham, from that spirit of infirmity.
- d) Jesus laid hands on her!
- (1) The woman stood immediately!
- (2) And she glorified God! Δοξα / Doxa. We use the word 'doxology'
- (3) *"In relation to God it denotes that which makes God impressive, (when He manifests Himself! My words.) To give him glory is not to impart something he does not have but to acknowledge the honor that is his due."* Kittel, G., Friedrich, G., & Bromiley, G. W. (1985). In *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament, Abridged in One Volume* (p. 179). W.B. Eerdmans.
- C. The Pharisees immediately attack Jesus for working on the Sabbath.
1. They spoke with strong opposition and displeasure over what Jesus had just done.
 - a) *"There are six days to work and one to rest."*
 - b) **The Sabbath is a day of rest.** It is a day you lay your burden down. Jesus drives home their point and illustrates it by taking this woman's burden off. Jesus actually fulfilled the Sabbath!
 2. Jesus then shows them how ignorant their thinking is.
 - a) You hypocrites! (Actors) Even you untie (λυω) your donkeys to drink on the sabbath.
 - b) *"And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?"* (Luke 13:16, ESV)

III. The Kingdom That Advances

- A. Revival happens where the presence of God is!
1. We were privileged to attend a Bethel staff meeting last week. Maybe about 50 core staff members. Do you know how they start their staff meetings? With testimonies! You are expected to bring a testimony to staff!
 2. Take the presence with you to work, to school, or where ever you may go.
- B. Like last Sunday's message, this one continues beyond our scripture. After Jesus confronts the Pharisees he teaches as short lesson.
1. The mustard seed: so small yet when planted grows big fast! And birds build nests in its branches.
 2. The leaven. - leaven, basically unseen when added to flour, changes the bread when baked.
 3. The Kingdom.
 - a) This lesson began with the bent over woman who was healed as a demonstration of how the kingdom advances. It reaches out to humanity, or just one person, with healing and service...like one mustard seed or one pinch of leaven. It spreads quickly and joyfully.

4. Jesus found a need and filled. He saw one bond person and reached out to her.
The same is true for us and for the kingdom of God.

C. The Kingdom of God met this woman, this daughter of Abraham and she was changed.

1. She Went, She Stood, She Praised!

Conclusion:

- Luke 10:18 *I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.*
- Luke 11:20 *But if it is by the finger of God that I cast our demons, then the Kingdom of God has come upon you.*
- 1 Jn 3:8 *The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.*