

Lesson 3 June 20, 2021

A Healing Touch

Matthew 9:18-26

Today's Bible lesson will examine the nature of the faith involved in the healings of the woman and the girl in this passage. In our contemporary scenario, we will see how Machelle rejoices in the healing power of God manifested in her own life!

Despite all the medical advancements, Machelle's doctors could not cure Machelle of a stubborn infection in her stomach. Machelle told everyone who knew about her stomach infection, including her doctor, that she had faith, and if it was God's will, He would heal her. The doctors told Machelle that she should not hold on to the false hope of a miracle. As the infection worsened, Machelle got weaker, but her faith grew stronger. Machelle listened to sermons, read Scriptures, and believed that Jesus would do great things because He had authority over her sickness. Machelle also believed that God cares about our well-being. Machelle reasoned within herself: If Jesus could speak and bring healing and life to persons in the Bible; He can and will do the same for her.

Machelle believed that God was able, however, she also relied on the church prayer team to pray for her, even though she never made a request to Jesus directly on her behalf. One evening during her prayer time, Machelle, desperate to be healed, and with faith that Jesus would heal her, bowed on her knees, and made a request to Jesus. Machelle felt the healing touch and love of Jesus and began feeling better immediately. A week later, the test results confirmed that Machelle's infection had cleared up! Although the doctor tried to give medicine and science the credit, Machelle rejoiced because she knew it was the healing power of Jesus that was manifested in her life!

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Are we like Machelle and believe that Jesus is able, but depend on others to pray for us, instead of going to Jesus for ourselves? Explain.
- 2. Discuss the love and grace of Jesus shown to those who seek Him.
- 3. Share a time when Jesus exercised His power and performed a physical, spiritual, or emotional healing in your life.