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Sermon No 10

Determination



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Bible Reading Luke Ch 8v43-48

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43 Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, 44 came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. 45 And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?"

When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?' 46 But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me. Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. 48 And He said to her, Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. **Go in peace.** Amen

B&S What I want to look at is that word Determination. According to Collins English Dictionary that means, An unwavering mind, a steadfast mind. In other words their mind is made up to do something and nothing is going to change it. You're determined, nothing is going to stop you. There is a little story in the book of **Luke Chapter 18v1** Of a certain woman who comes to a judge who feared not God, and she persistently looked for judgement. She wanted judgement. It says that he did not fear God. But he was afraid of her continual coming, because. **It wearied Him.**

He was tired of her coming continually, so he granted her, her way. What she wanted. Here was a woman who just wouldn't give up, she kept continually bringing her plea to the judge. She was determined, and it was her determination that came through for her. You know B&S I know and you know that we pray for our families, pray for allsorts of deliverance, we pray for here this church, we pray for it's growth, we pray for a movement in it., and when we don't see anything happening we **Wonder is God listening?**

Does God really care?. Maybe you have been praying for someone for a long while, maybe years and your not seeing any results. Don't give up, be determined, don't give up your determination show God that you are serious with Him. Keep on asking, keep on bringing your plea. God is our Judge and He is a fair Judge. You know the little song.

Don't give up your on the brink if a miracle

Wouldn't it be terrible if you were praying for a long, long, long time and your just on the brink your miracle is just about to happen and you give up. Don't give up, let Him see that you are not going to give up B&S. Moses had to Face Pharaoh time and time again, he was to say, **Let My People Go**

But Pharaoh was stubborn, he wouldn't let the people go. And ten terrible disasters were to hit Egypt.

The first one was the water turning to blood The River Nile.

You can explain each of these plagues your way.

But here is their order

***Water 1 turning to blood –2—Frogs—3 Lice—4 Flies
5 Pestilence—6 Boils—7 Hail—8 Locus—9 Darkness***

None of those plagues moved Pharaoh. It is only a madman would tolerate that happening in his land.

What must have Moses have thought?

How many times do I have to go and approach this Pharaoh ?
And everything I say to him is happening.

And he is that stubborn, he won't move, he won't let the Hebrew children go. **But Moses Didn't Give Up.**

Moses was determent, he kept going back to Pharaoh

Let My People Go. And then a terrible plague, one that was to cost Pharaoh and his people the loss of their firstborn his son. Pharaoh's son. If any of you know the book of Queen Ester you will know that she put her life on the line to save her people. But God came through for queen Easter, He came through for Moses, He came through for the wee woman with the issue of blood, He will come through for you. **Determination**

Getting serious with God, Faith moves the hand of God, don't give up your request until God does something about it. Now We believe that nothing is impossible with God **Right**

And we believe that He can do all things **Right**. But then we put a question mark there He can do it but will He do it for me?

But will He do it if I ask Him? And you think, Oh I know that He can do it, without a doubt, without any wavering,

But will He do it for me, and that **BUT** spells **Doubt**.

You know what I mean, you know where I am coming from.

These people they didn't give up.

The woman with the issue of blood, she spent twelve years looking for a cure. By this time she was small.

I get the picture that she was something like Anorexic.

She had lost that much blood, thin, weak. And there was a vast crowd and Jesus was in the centre of it and she had to push her way through to get at Him. But she did it, because she was determined, If I just touch the hem of His garment, that's enough. Determination, pushing through big men, big women, making her way to Him. The Sinful woman at Simon the Pharisees house. **You know I have often thought about that.**

Here is Simon the Pharisee, he invites Jesus to come and have tea with him. It was really only to pick Jesus and to test Him in His beliefs and so forth. **But Any Way** This sinful woman in the Bible stresses her sins were many. She knew Simon the Pharisee She was determined to go into his house uninvited to see Jesus. **What was her thoughts outside the house?**

Simon knows me, If I go in there he will grab me by the scruff of the neck, hell toss me out, he'll throw me out, I am definitely not welcome in there. But still withal, I've got to see Jesus He's in there. It doesn't matter what sort of a woman I am. What sort of a woman was she? If her sins were many, was she a woman of the night? Could she have bought a bottle of hooch and got full drunk and called all the Pharisees all the bad names of the day, she was well known.

Jesus didn't hide it either. Jesus did say to her, **Your sins are many**, but she was determent, Weather I get threw out here or weather I don't, I am going in to see my Lord. I am going in to see Jesus and she went and she went straight to His feet.

And she started to weep and cry with her eyes and the tears falling on His feet, and with her long hair she dried his feet. And she prepared an **Alabaster Box of Ointment** to bring in, and opened it up, and the fragrance going all around the house and wiping it on His feet, an expensive ointment the had kept it aside for Him. **What about Simon the Pharisee.** Oh there she is, look at what she is doing. What was his thoughts?

The Bible says his thoughts was. If this man was a prophet, surely He would know what sort of woman is touching Him. Jesus reads his mind, He knows exactly and He tests him in this little story. He says there was a money lender who had two debts. One owed him 100 Pence and one owed him 10 Pence. When the money lender found out that none of the two of them could pay, he wiped the debt clean, let the both of them off. Who do you suppose loved him the most? Of Simon the Pharisee gets it right. The one who owed him the most, He said that's right. He said, well let me tell you, He said you see when I came to your house, you didn't give Me any water for My feet. **You see B&S** It was the custom them days that when you walked along the streets of Jerusalem in you sandals, your feet and everything else picked up the dust of the streets.

And it was the custom to have a basin of water for your guest to wash His feet, it was the custom to kiss them, anoint them with oil and provide a towel. **That was the custom.**

And Jesus said, when I came to your house you didn't give Me any water for My feet, but this woman has washed My feet with her tears. He said you didn't give Me a towel to dry My feet, but this woman has dried My feet with her hair.

He said, you didn't give Me a kiss, but this woman has not stopped kissing My feet. He said you didn't anoint Me with oil. But this woman has anointed My feet with that perfume. And then He picked her up and He says, although your sins are many they are forgiven you. Wow.

Outside thinking I am not welcome in there, I'm going to gate-crash in there to see Jesus. **She was Determined** *Paul says in Philippians 4v13. I can do all things through Christ that strengthens me.* Now don't get that verse mixed up, that you can do all things, you can't.

It is through Christ. Does it say that I can do that thing?

No Does it say that I can do this thing? No

Does it say I can do most things? No

It says that I can do ALL things through Christ

So when we bring our request to the Father through **His Son Jesus Christ**, then we are praying to the Father and the Father requires us to do that, He wants to hear us praying to Him.

And the prayers of a Righteous man-Woman availeth much. But we have a habit of giving up to easy. We pray and we expect God to act on it Instantly. And then we are inclined to forget about that particular prayer. But **BS** if you learn to pray without ceasing, always reminding God, ALWAYS save my son, save my daughter Deliver my son from this habit.

Deliver them from the drugs, the drink, from their lifestyle, whatever it is. If you have a need no matter weather it is financial, trouble, illness, material, it doesn't matter,

BE Determent. Pray without ceasing, remind God in the mornings as soon as you get up, during the course of the day, weather you are out window shopping, driving a car, traveling to work, It doesn't matter. Did you ever experience you sitting. Let's say Tom and Jean are sitting watching a movie on television. And something happened in the movie, and Jean says to tom. O, did you see that? Tom missed it, he says no I didn't. There is the TV, it's blaring, It's in front of him, he's looking at it He seeing it. But his mind is fixed on Him.

He is Shooting little prayers and thinking on the Lord, and he just loses all concentration on the television.

B&S I have experienced that, and I know you have as well That is praying without ceasing, not giving up, your up the road looking on shop windows, looking at a dress and your thinking Lord, my wee daughter I would love You to deliver her, Lord see my son would you get him off this booze, would you get him off these drugs would you get him out of the Paramilitaries Lord.

Praying Without Ceasing.

The little woman had to push her way through the crowds.

Now I'll tell you what your crowds is.

Your crowds may be. I have got a busy schedule, or I have got appointments, or I am too tired. Those are the things that crowd your life. Do you know what they are called? Excuses, they are simply excuses. Learn to push through them, make a way, don't let anybody stop you, make a way for Him, He went all the whole way for you. And the best thing that you can give Him is your loyalty and to be there for Him. Come to His house, forsake not the assembling of the brethren. Don't try to Justify yourself by saying I am watching Jimmy Swaggert on TV on Sunday night, that's my church. That's not your church, your church is your family, where we got to know each other, and encourage one another, and bless one another, Forsake not the assembling of the brethren **WHY?** Because He wants you there for each and everyone of us, to encourage one another. Push through them. Pray while walking up the road, be Determent. You know there is a worldly saying, when I became a young Christian, I used to think that this was in the Bible. But It is not in the Bible and I used to ask people, Where is that verse, The Lord loves a trier? You have heard it before, the Lord loves a trier. I used to think that was a Bible verse and I used to say to people, where is it, but it's not it's a worldly saying. The Lord loves a trier. When you are Determent your trying.

B&S Keep trying, keep being Determent and eventually that mountain what ever it is will be removed and your Church will grow, you be the workers. Faith without works is dead, If God needs labourers. And the harvest is plentiful, You be the labourers, you show God you be determent and eventually that mountain what ever it is will be removed. King David was wanting a drink of water from the wells of Bethlehem. He just mentioned it to his men, that spelt **DANGER**. It meant his men was to go into the enemy camp the Philistines. And then they were to try to go to the wells of Bethlehem to get him a drink of water, Three of them went, They were **Determent** and they brought him back the water. and when David realised the danger that he had put his men in just for a simple drink of water and they pushed through and Determent, I can see him, with tears in his eyes, he wouldn't drink it, he poured it out. But they were determent and they got him it. What about the man who was carried in a stretcher? Jesus was preaching in a house while outside was surrounded with people. Can you se Pastor Tom standing in the living room preaching to the family that's there and praying for some of the sick that's there. And all of a sudden the ceiling opens up. And he looks up and there's four guys lowering their friend down in a stretcher with ropes, to be healed. **Determination**. They were determent. You know King Solomon had planned in his heart, to build a temple for the Lord.

That took 70 Thousand men as burden carriers
80 Thousand to cut wood. 3600 Foremen, they are called
overseers. They oversee the building of the temple
But Solomon was determent to build the House of The Lord
no matter what the cost. B&S What is your heart's desire?
What are you determent for? ***In Psalm 37v4 says.***

Delight yourself in the Lord, and He WILL GIVE YOU.

Will Give You the desires of your heart.

But B&S There's a condition there. You see the condition is,
that you have got to delight yourself in the Lord.

Do you know what that means? It means that you always want
to be with Him, you want to be in His presence , you want to be
happy with Him. You see this King, this same King David also
said **I was glad when they said to me, Let us go to the House
of the Lord.** He wanted to be there with God and His people.

Forsake not the assembling of the brethren.

You delight yourself in the Lord, you be happy in the Lord,
You talk to the Lord. Rejoice in the Lord. Will your bad days
come? Certainly they will, Certainly they will. But you still have
to put your hands with tears in your eyes and say Lord I love
You, Love you with all my heart. When you do that the Lord
knows your heart and He will give you the desires of your heart
Amen.