

## Luke 8: A Personal Salvation

**Mark 5:28-34** Wow, that is super personal! We need a personal relationship with Him. The woman with the 12-year illness had to come to Him personally.

- ✓ It wasn't enough for her to know that He could heal her or that all she had to do was touch Him; she actually had to go through with the action.
- ✓ It wasn't enough for her to know about all the others He had healed or be up on all His teachings; she had to come to Him personally.

↪ Our salvation is from Him personally; it affects Him and moves Him personally.

↪ The secret to your daily walk and victory over this world is focusing on this personal relationship.

↪ The key to overcoming sin and living a life that is pleasing to God is that relationship.

↪ Ever wondered why some believers go seemingly to the heights of holy living and have lives that are living sacrifices to God, and then others who seem to flounder and not get very far? Simply, one is investing more in that relationship day to day than the other.

- ✓ If you have an obedience and discipleship problem, you have a love problem.
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↪ **John 14:21; John 14:23; John 15:10; 1<sup>st</sup> John 5:3; 2<sup>nd</sup> John 1:6** Abiding in that love relationship with the Savior will solve your sin habit and your obedience problem. Don't get the order wrong; our obedience is the result and not the cause of our love.

- ✓ God has all kinds of commandments, but what is the greatest one? Love! Love is the solution to the other commandments.

↪ Learn to love Him, learn to let that relationship matter more than anything else; stop focusing on obedience and start focusing on loving Him. That focus will change you, not your determination to do better.

- ✓ If your Christian life is suffering, having an obedience problem, the solution is not to try harder, but to love more.
  - ✓ Your obedience will flow from the love of that relationship; or your disobedience will flow from the lack thereof.
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### **1. Like any relationship, your love level is affected by your knowledge level.**

- ✓ Knowledge of your Savior and knowledge of yourself.

↪ **Luke 7:47;** If you don't see yourself as some big sinner, then your obedience is going to be affected. Think you have been forgiven less? You will love less and obey less.

- ✓ The break down is in your understanding of how wretched you were outside of Christ.
- ✓ Your obedience level is affected by your love level, your love level is affected by your knowledge level.

### **2. Your love level is directly affected by how much He loves you.**

- ✓ His love of you is based on your status and not your performance.
  - ✓ **Romans 5:8;** His attitude toward you is based on that love relationship, not your obedience.
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