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In the Gospel of Mark and chapter 5, there is an account of a lady that Jesus healed who had an issue of blood. In other words, she probably had some female problems. She apparently had this problem all her life. However, she knew that if she could touch Jesus, she would be healed.

All through the New Testament, the people Jesus touched got healed. There was something about the point of contact. But, the Scripture doesn't say that woman only had a female problem; she had another problem also. Usually we don't hear about the other problem she had. Here's what it was: *she had spent all of her money on physicians and was financially broke.*

When she touched the hem of Jesus' garment, she was healed. Immediately Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" (Mark 5:30). He felt the power go out of Him. The power of what? The power for healing. He felt the power (virtue) go out when that woman touched the hem of His garment. His disciples said, "What do you mean who touched You? We've got thousands of people pressing in on You. They are pressing all around us and You ask, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus knew that somebody had touched Him who had faith.

If you need to touch God, you can press in at a church, but you may not be pressing in with faith. There were many people pressing into the presence of Jesus, but ONLY ONE WOMAN pressed in with faith. When she did, Jesus turned and looked at her. She pulled back and Jesus said, "Daughter, thy faith

hath made thee whole.” (Mark 5:34a). Then He made a statement often overlooked. He said, “*Go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.*” Or ‘SHALOM.’

SHALOM is a Hebrew word that sometimes we may think just means “hello.” But it means MUCH MORE than that. In Hebrew when you say *shalom*, what you mean is COMPLETENESS! In other words, there is NOTHING incomplete.

Have you ever felt a little incomplete? *Shalom* means completeness and wholeness in all areas. One minister said it means ‘nothing broken, nothing missing.’

To prove it means in all areas, the definition of *shalom* breaks down even further into peace and health. Some think, *shalom* just means “peace,” yet it still means much more. There is a certain kind of peace you can have by getting your bills paid, having a car, having payments caught up on the house and enough food to eat. The world has that certain kind of peace, but Jesus said, in John 14:27 (KJV)
²⁷ *Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.* The peace from Jesus is *completeness, wholeness, health, and prosperity.*

When Jesus turned and looked at the woman who had an issue of blood and a financial problem, He said to her, “SHALOM!” He didn’t say, “SHALOM—ALMOST.” He didn’t say “ONE HALF SHALOM.” When Jesus said SHALOM, He knew the impact of that word.

I don’t know exactly how it happened, but I do know this. When Jesus said, “SHALOM,” He was giving the lady confirmation that she was completely healed and whole physically and financially. That’s SHALOM! It is completeness, wholeness, peace, health, welfare, safety, soundness, tranquility, prosperity, fullness, perfectness, harmony, the absence of agitation and the absence of discord.

KATHY AND I SPEAK SHALOM TO YOU!

Paula Doe and *Sister Kathy*
MAT. 6:33

Remember above all that *You are Loved, You are Welcome and You Belong!*

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From "American Minute" by William J. Federer

Sanctity of Life

"The greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion"-Mother Teresa;

"Pro-Life is Pro Science"-Gary Bauer.

Former President Jimmy Carter stated, *"I have never felt that any **abortion** should be committed—I think each **abortion** is the result of a series of errors."*

Being interviewed on his book, *Our Enduring Values—America's Moral Crisis*, former Democrat President Carter stated at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Washington, DC, November 3, 2005: "I have always thought it was **not in the mainstream** of the American public to be **extremely liberal** on many issues. I think **our party's leaders...are overemphasizing the abortion issue.**" Carter ended his remarks: "I've never been convinced, if you let me inject my Christianity into it, that **Jesus Christ would approve abortion.**"

While a 2020 Democrat candidate for President, Pete Buttigieg, claiming to be "Christian," proposed that "life begins at breath,"—a belief that **departs from Christianity**, as **Jesus Christ Himself**, was in His mother Mary's womb from the point of conception.

Jesus, as recorded in the Gospel of Luke, was in Mary's womb from the **Annunciation**, when the Angel announced to her, "Behold you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus;" and she responded, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word." The Angel continued: "The **Holy Ghost** shall come upon thee, and the **power of the Highest** shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee be shall called the **Son of God.**" At that very moment, she conceived.

This is the **foundational Christian doctrine** called the Incarnation, when "the Word became flesh."

The **Gospel of Luke** continued with another account confirming that a **child in the womb was alive**: "And behold your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren'...when Elizabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb."

Other Scriptures testify that a **baby in the womb** is a living person: Genesis 25:21-23 "And Rebekah his wife conceived. And the children struggled together within her; and she said, if it be so, why am I thus? And she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said unto her, **Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.**