My Fruitfulness Is Undeniable – Bible Study Lesson

Matthew 15:21-28 (NLT)

- 21 Then Jesus left Galilee and went north to the region of Tyre and Sidon.
- 22 A Gentile woman who lived there came to him, pleading, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! For my daughter is possessed by a demon that torments her severely."
- 23 But Jesus gave her no reply, not even a word. Then his disciples urged him to send her away. "Tell her to go away," they said. "She is bothering us with all her begging."
- 24 Then Jesus said to the woman, "I was sent only to help God's lost sheep—the people of Israel."
- 25 But she came and worshiped him, pleading again, "Lord, help me!"
- 26 Jesus responded, "It isn't right to take food from the children and throw it to the dogs."
- 27 She replied, "That's true, Lord, but even dogs are allowed to eat the scraps that fall beneath their masters' table."
- 28 "Dear woman," Jesus said to her, "your faith is great. Your request is granted." And her daughter was instantly healed.

Perseverance is persistence in doing something despite perceived difficulty or delay in achieving success. The woman in the story had a sick daughter who needed healing. She displayed absolute perseverance. She had to push through levels of perceived denial. However, she would not be denied. 1. When she pleads with Jesus for help, He doesn't answer. Not even one word. 2. The disciples say, "Send her away Jesus. She's bothering us." She cries out louder. "Lord help me!!" 3. Jesus says, "It's not right to give the children's bread to dogs." She's not detoured. She says, "Even the dogs get the scraps." 4. Finally, Jesus responds, "Dear woman, your faith is great!" Her daughter was instantly healed. Here's a question, we must all answer. Will we quit, if it

doesn't happen exactly when and how we expect it to? With this in mind, let's examine: **My Fruitfulness Is Undeniable.**

Mark 10:46-52 (NLT)

46 Then they reached Jericho, and as Jesus and his disciples left town, a large crowd followed him. A blind beggar named Bartimaeus (son of Timaeus) was sitting beside the road.

47 When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus of Nazareth was nearby, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

48 "Be quiet!" many of the people yelled at him. But he only shouted louder, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

49 When Jesus heard him, he stopped and said, "Tell him to come here." So they called the blind man. "Cheer up," they said. "Come on, he's calling you!"

50 Bartimaeus threw aside his coat, jumped up, and came to Jesus.

51 "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked. "My Rabbi," the blind man said, "I want to see!"

52 And Jesus said to him, "Go, for your faith has healed you." Instantly the man could see, and he followed Jesus down the road.

When we are believing God for something, the enemy will often send voices of contradiction, telling us why it's not going to happen. The people told Bartimaeus to be quiet. That only made him shout louder. We should never let anyone tell us what we're not qualified to have. **NO VOICE SHOULD CHANGE OR CHALLENGE OUR ABILITY TO BE FRUITFUL.**

1. I'm willing to ignore anyone who doesn't believe.

Mark 5:21-24 (NASB)

21 When Jesus had crossed over again in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered around Him; and He stayed by the seashore.

22 And one of the synagogue officials, named Jairus, *came, and upon seeing Him, *fell at His feet

23 and *pleaded with Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death; please come and lay Your hands on her, so that she will get well and live."

24 And He went off with him; and a large crowd was following Him and pressing in on Him.

Mark 5:25-29 (NASB)

25 A woman who had had a hemorrhage for twelve years,

26 and had endured much at the hands of many physicians, and had spent all that she had and was not helped at all, but instead had become worse

27 after hearing about Jesus, she came up in the crowd behind Him and touched His cloak.

'28 For she had been saying to herself, "If I just touch His garments, I will get well."

29 And immediately the flow of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.

The Bible shows us how serious this woman is about her healing. It says, she went to many physicians and spent all she had. She exhausted her available resources, believing she would get better. We are to do all we can. The miracle happens when God does what we can't. The Bible says, "Then she heard about Jesus. So, she said. Then, she did." HERE ARE OUR 3 BEST OPTION,S AS IT RELATES TO FRUITFULNESS. THEY ARE, OUR HEARING, OUR SAYING, AND OUR DOING.

2. I'm willing to utilize everything that's at my disposal.

Mark 5:30-36 (NASB)

- 30 And immediately Jesus, perceiving in Himself that power from Him had gone out, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My garments?"
- 31 And His disciples said to Him, "You see the crowd pressing in on You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?"
- 32 And He looked around to see the woman who had done this.
- 33 But the woman, fearing and trembling, aware of what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth.
- 34 And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be cured of your disease."
- 35 While He was still speaking, people *came from the house of the synagogue official, saying, "Your daughter has died; why bother the Teacher further?"
- 36 But Jesus, overhearing what was being spoken, *said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid, only believe."

We ask a question at the end of every service: Whose report will you believe? That's not just because it's fun. There's a certainty that when we get ready to choose life or death, there will be conflicting reports. Even when we go to the doctor, often we will need to get a second opinion.

Jairus got 2 reports. Jesus said, "I'll come and heal your daughter."
The people said, "It's too late. Stop bothering Jesus." WHOSE REPORT WILL YOU BELIEVE?

- 3. I'm willing to disregard any report that contradicts God's Word.
- 2 Kings 5:10-14 (NASB)
- 10 And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh will be restored to you and you will be clean."

- 11 But Naaman was furious and went away, and he said, "Behold, I thought, 'He will certainly come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the site and cure the leprosy.'
- 12 Are Abanah and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, not better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage.
- 13 Then his servants approached and spoke to him, saying, "My father, had the prophet told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he says to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?"
- 14 So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, in accordance with the word of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

The man in the story needed healing. The instruction was, "Dip 7 times to be made whole." What happens when it looks like it's not working? Dip again. What if everyone can see that it's not working? Dip again. What if your mind is telling you, it's a waste of time? Dip again. If you will not be denied, DIP AGAIN!!

4. I'm willing to follow completely God's instructions.

2 Kings 4:20-26 (NLT)

- 20 So the servant took him home, and his mother held him on her lap. But around noontime he died.
- 21 She carried him up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, then shut the door and left him there.
- 22 She sent a message to her husband: "Send one of the servants and a donkey so that I can hurry to the man of God and come right back."
- 23 "Why go today?" he asked. "It is neither a new moon festival nor a Sabbath." But she said, "It will be all right."

24 So she saddled the donkey and said to the servant, "Hurry! Don't slow down unless I tell you to."

25 As she approached the man of God at Mount Carmel, Elisha saw her in the distance. He said to Gehazi, "Look, the woman from Shunem is coming.

26 Run out to meet her and ask her, 'Is everything all right with you, your husband, and your child?'" "Yes," the woman told Gehazi, "everything is fine."

David said, "I would have quit, except for the fact that I believed I would see the goodness of God, in the land of the living." The reason we can keep going is because we know, "God is faithful." The woman in the scripture tells her husband, "Everything is going to be all right." She rides a little further and tells the man of God, "Everything is fine." How could she say this? SHE HAD AN EXPECTATION THAT GOD WOULD BE FAITHFUL TO HER.

5. I'm willing to hold on with an expectation of God's faithfulness.

Perseverance is persistence in doing something despite perceived difficulty or delay in achieving success. Here's a question, we must all answer. Will we quit, if it doesn't happen exactly when and how we expect it to? If the answer is no, we can boldly decalre: **My Fruitfulness Is Undeniable.**