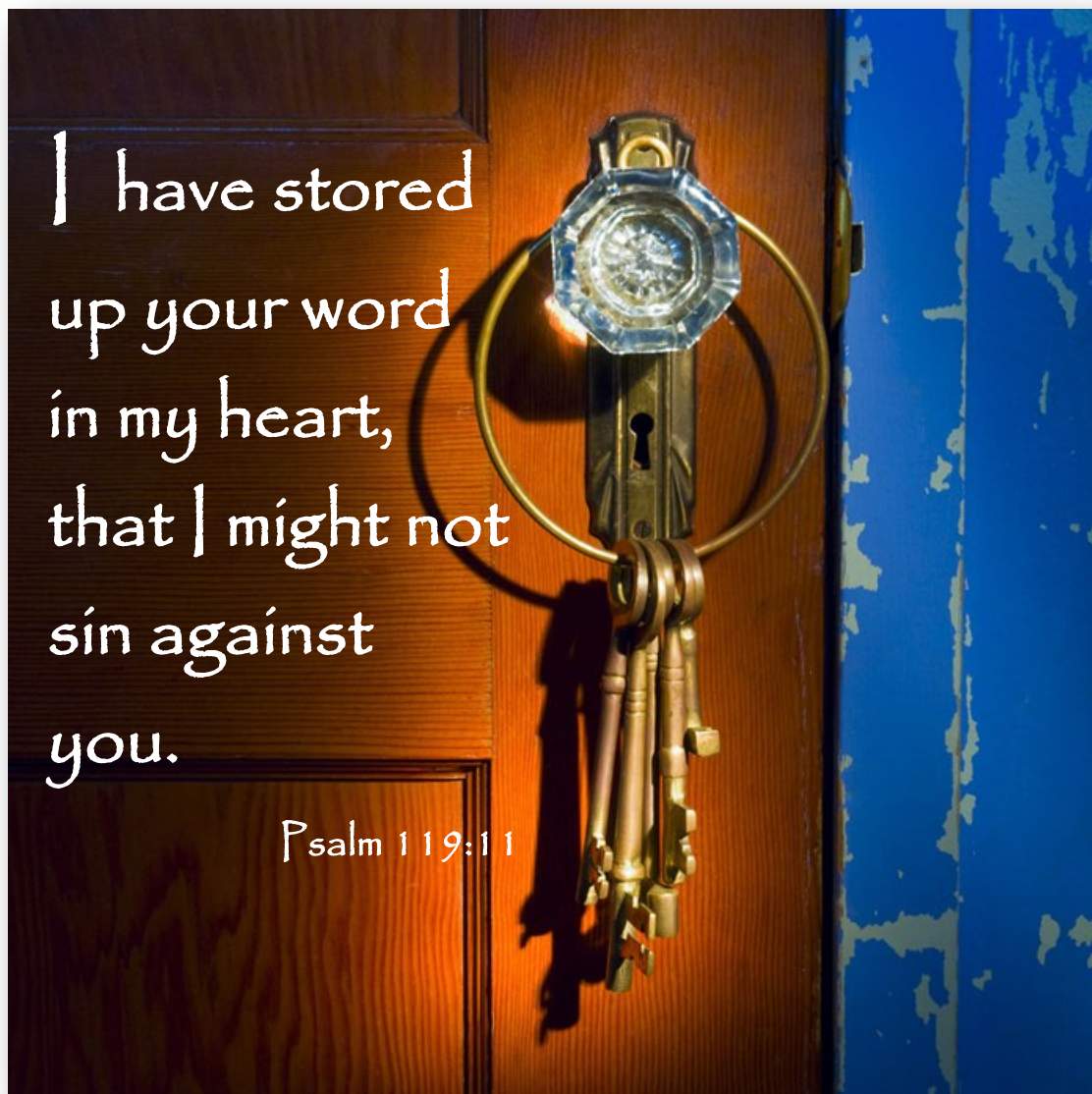


# UNLOCKING THE WORD



**THE GOSPEL OF MARK STUDY GUIDE**

**Chapter 5**

THE GOSPEL OF MARK  
JESUS CHRIST SERVANT AND KING  
A STUDY OF MARK 5  
STUDY SIX

THE GIFT OF FAITH

MARK 5:21-43

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“THE QUESTION IS NOT WHAT YOU WILL DO WITH CHRIST, BUT WHAT  
WILL CHRIST DO WITH YOU.”

—R.C. SPROUL

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**PREPARATION IN PRAYER**

Stop and pause before you begin by asking the Holy Spirit to reveal the truths of God’s Word to you, and to quiet your mind to be focused on Him.

Heavenly Father, Let me hear the words you’ve spoken from your word. I want to hear what you have to say to me. You have given me life and breath, you sustain me by your mighty power. You alone are worthy of all my worship, attention and devotion. Let the noise of life fade away as I seek you. Give me ears to hear and a heart to obey. Amen.

**KEYS TO NOTICE**

1. *Faith comes by hearing who Christ is.* The women had heard the reports of others about what Jesus had done, vs 27.
2. *Faith and fear cannot coexist.* There will always be those who don’t believe, the naysayers of life. But the perfect love Jesus displays casts out any fear, vs 35-37.

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**OBSERVATIONS:**

What do the demon possessed man, Jairus daughter, and the women with the issue of blood all have in common?

How did their knowledge of Christ and therefore their faith in Him come to each of them?

Read the following. John 6:60-65, Ephesians 2:8-10, Luke 17:5, Romans 10:14-17, Hebrews 11:29-30, Joshua 6:2-5, 2 Peter 1:1, Philippians 1:29. How does faith come to you today?

Every person lives by faith: from trusting the food you consume is not going to make you sick; or your water won't be contaminated; trusting the bank with your money; relying on other drivers to abide by the rules of the road. Just to name a few. Therefore faith must have an object. Read the following. Hebrews 11:6, Psalm 25:1-2, 26:1, Proverbs 29:25, 1 Peter 1:21. What or who is the object of Christian faith?

Now define biblical faith:

### INTERPRETATIONS:

**Saving faith in Jesus Christ is the gift of God.** Our response to salvation is faith in the person and work of Jesus Christ, Ephesians 2:8-9. The three examples in Mark 5 show us that they could do or offer nothing to change their circumstances. Something or someone from outside of them had to intervene to restore them.

**Faith is the gift of God that must be received.** God commands everyone, everywhere to repent—Acts 17:30. The paradox is that we must move on it and bear the consequences if we do not. John 5:40

**Faith in Jesus drives out fear.** Faith and fear are antithetical to each other in the life of the Christian. Nowhere in Scripture will you find “safety” as a Christian virtue.

**Faith that saves creates workmen.** Christ is not coming to you hoping that you’ll like Him or do something for Him. He is coming to you so that you seek mercy and forgiveness from Him. He does not need you... you are in need of Him. Ephesians 2:10

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**APPLICATION: GOD'S WILL TODAY**

Salvation is all by God's grace not the result of human effort or "works" as Paul says in Ephesians. Read Romans 3:20, Galatians 2:16. How do we fall into the trap of believing or thinking the works we do has something to do with our salvation?

According to Ephesians 2:10, what does the gift of faith tell us who we are? What purpose does faith give us? What knowledge of the future does God's gift of faith produce? Knowing all that, what faith action should we see in our lives?

What has God's gift of faith propelled you to walk in through in the course of your life?

Hebrews 12:2. Faith is originated by whom and finished by whom? What can and should that bring or allow in your life?

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

Lord, thank you for the gift of faith and the mercy that you have shown to me. May you continue to grow it more and more within me. May I ever live in humility knowing this eternal gift has been given so that I may glorify you with my life. Thank you for beginning a work in me that you will bring to its rightful completion. Amen.



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