

A STRONGER CONNECTION

WE VALUE STRONG CONNECTIONS

- Connections make a difference
 1. Cell phone calls - dislike half sentences and missed words
 2. Loved ones - the idea of drifting apart is not good
 3. Working with teams - the more serious the objective, the stronger the connection need
- Our most valuable connection is with the Lord
 1. Has eternal consequences and benefits in both worlds
 2. Good to come closer (***Psalms 73:28 NKJ***)
 3. Trust is a part of any good relational connection

A WOMAN WHO MADE A STRONG CONNECTION WITH JESUS (*Mark 5:24-34 CSB*)

- Nothing about her is standout or amazing
 1. We don't know her name/age/appearance/status
- She initiated the connection to Jesus
 1. Based only on what she had heard about Him
 2. Her faith was revealed in her words/actions
- She displayed some determination/grit
 1. Overcame the physical problem of weakened condition and crowds
 2. Overcame the tradition of that culture regarding women with bleeding problems
 3. Overcame the fear of punishment (Jesus was with a synagogue ruler)
- Jesus' response is worth noting
 1. He did not correct her - He blessed her, and she walked away healed

DEVELOPING A STRONGER CONNECTION WITH THE LORD

- Your faith makes all the difference
 1. What do you believe about Jesus? (***Galatians 2:20 CSB***)
 2. What do you believe about yourself?
 3. Faith is revealed in words and actions
- You must utilize your determination and grit (***Hebrews 10:35-36 NLT***)
 1. The message is we have some confidence and endurance
 2. Everyone faces resistance to making a stronger connection