

# Hidden Scars

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Hidden Scars – The purpose of this topic is to reveal the place of pain that has hindered you from moving forward with the grace that God has abounded towards you. This revelation will enable you to overcome hurdles that have kept you from having the kind of success that God has ordained you to have. Your decision today will be the breakthrough you need to become all God has planned for you to be.

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## Opening Reading

### ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome	
Opening Prayer	Pastor A. Clay
Breakfast and Fellowship	
Old Testament Scripture	Sis. Janice
New Testament Scripture	Sis. Wilma
Sermonic Solo	Sis. A. Clay-Downing
Keynote Speaker	Elder A. F. Downing
TOPIC	<b>Hidden Scars</b>
Scripture	Luke 13:10-16
Benediction	Pastor A. Clay

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**Minister:** Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. **Psalms 133.1**

**Saints:** And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body: and be thankful. **Colossians 3:15**

**Minister:** Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. **Psalms 84:4**

**Saints:** Praise ye the Lord, I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation. **Psalms 111.1**

**Minister:** And the Lord said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually. **1 Kings 9.3**

**Saints:** Ye shall keep my Sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the Lord. **Leviticus 19:30**

**Minister:** And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church: and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. **Mathew 16:18**

**Saints:** My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God. **Psalms 84.2**

**Minister:** And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. **John 10:16**

**Saints:** But if I tarry long, that though mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. **1 Timothy 3:15**

**All:** Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord. **Psalms 134.2**

## Shouldn't you be Free, too?

Here is where you must be careful. Now that you are delivered, you must understand that nobody is going to be happy for you. Those who you expect to be glad that you are no longer bound by your past, will actually be angry. I never understood why until I read this scripture. They don't want you to be delivered because they will no longer be able to manipulate you by your weakness.

When God heals your **Hidden Scars** He doesn't just heal your present, but He heals your past and your future. Notice how He didn't call this woman by the name her parents gave her, but He called her by the original name she was given in the Garden by Adam; "Woman".

*"And besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole." – Mathew 14.36*

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This woman did not know she came seeking to touch Him. But touch Him she did. Like her, you may have come by invitation; but make no mistake about it you touched God because you came and He sees what you can't hide – your Hidden Scars.

He said to them who were upset by her deliverance – *"shouldn't she be delivered from this bondage?"* He will speak the same to those who will be upset by your deliverance today. The answer is yes – you should be free. There is no greater place to be than when God issues you into a life that is free from the weaknesses of the pass. "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." – John 8:36

## Thought to Remember

You may have scars, but you no longer need to hide because God has healed you – Woman, Man thou art loosed from your infirmity or weakness.

## Hidden Scars

Luke 13:10-16

**Golden Text:** "He that is our God is the God of salvation; and unto GOD the Lord belong the issues from death" – **Psalms 68:20**

## Preface

Many of us have suffered physical scars in our youth, specifically boys and girls who were tom-boys. These physical scars were obtained during some sort of game we called fun. During the game, we suffered injuries; some caused the game to end and others just need some tender loving care and a band-aide. These scars, although lasting, we've gotten over.

Hidden Scars, however, suffered as children or as adults have a tendency to last a life time and can only be overcome by the help of Jesus.

## Peace in the Storm

A story is told by William Gilbert of how Dante, wandering one day over the mountains of Lunigiana, eventually drew near to a lone, secluded monastery. It was at a time when his mind was wracked with internal conflict and was seeking refuge from the strife. So he loudly knocked at the monastery gate. It was opened by a monk, who in a single glance at the sad, pale face, read its pathetic message of misery and sorrow. "What do you seek here?" said he. With a gesture of despair, the poet replied, "Peace." It was the same old craving followed by the same old search. But neither the solitary places, nor the anchorite's cell ever brought true peace to the afflicted heart. Peace comes not from without but from within. We can have it in the winter of age or the spring of youth; in the lowly cottage or the stately mansion; in distressing pain or in buoyant health. The secret of it is in comradeship with Christ. You can have peace in the midst of the storm, if you have Christ. He is the shelter from the tempest, the soul's haven of rest. If we have learned to value His friendship, we have mastered the secret of the "peace which passeth all understanding."

## Touch Points

### Issues from Death

The Psalmist uses this word “issues” in a different manner than what it is described as in our day and time. We describe an “issue” as a problem or a source of controversy or disagreement. We describe people by their “issues”. If someone is complaining about a problem or a situation they are having difficulty with we say *‘You got issues!’*

The original word in Hebrew is defined as ‘exits’ or ‘a place of going out’ or ‘deliverance’. This totally changes your use of this particular word and the understanding of this particular scripture in Psalms. Let’s now look at this scripture using the Amplified translation:

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*“God is to us a God of deliverances and salvation; and to God the Lord belongs escape from death.”*

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So now, you can look at every situation or problem you formerly called an ‘issue’ and can come to understand that God was using this as a way of escape or deliverance from something much worse. This makes the following scripture even more potent in giving us understanding into the promise of deliverance:

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*“There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.” I Corinthians 10.13*

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***“Your issue or escape from death belongs to God!”***

### Long Lasting Weakness

Hidden Scars are weaknesses suffered at a time before you could mature in strength. If a child is told they are never going to be anything, they are told that at a time before they could develop an identity. How you carry on in

life after such a traumatic experience is dependent upon what has the greatest influence in your life. Sometimes that is a teacher, a family member, a coach, or maybe even a preacher. Where ever you receive encouragement from is the direction your life will take off in or you’ll be bent over and bound forever.

This woman had an experience that afflicted her both physically and emotionally. Luke 13.11 said she:

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*“...was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. “*

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Whatever scars you suffered, if you are honest, has caused you to feel the same way. For some, they over compensate or become strong in keeping up a façade that won’t allow anyone to know they have these weaknesses. For others, they seem lost in the crowd, are not very friendly, or you can see in their eyes that they are coping with their unhappiness; bowed together and can in no wise lift yourself up.

***“You are about to get free!”***

Jesus took a notice of this woman because she came to church. I want you to know that you came to the right place, at the right time. Jesus has taken notice of you right where you are because you came to His house. You could have gone any place else and you would have missed God. But you heard the still small voice of God prompting you, pressing you to come. It was in your obedience that Jesus took notice of you.

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*“For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succored thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.” – II Corinthians 6.2*

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It is the will of God that you be free from your weaknesses and be healed from your ***Hidden Scars!***