

## TURNING POINT

### Introduction:

There is always a time in the life of individuals when things take a dramatic turn for the best and such life become completely changed and dramatically turned around. I believe that the Lord will turn our life around tonight in the name of Jesus.

Let us take a few examples:

1. Jacob in Genesis **32: 24 – 32.**
2. Moses asked for a new vision for a new task **Exo. 33: 18-23**
3. Hannah decided to end the yearly Shiloh ritual and to call on the God of heaven I **Sam. 1:1-20.**
4. David said it was enough to Goliath's defiance of Israel **1 Sam. 17: 20-32.**
5. The challenge of Jabez **1 Chron. 4: 9-10**
6. The Healing of the paralytic man **Mark 2: 1-12**
7. Zaccheus and the Sycamore tree in Jericho - **Luke 19: 1-10.**
8. The woman with the issue of blood - **Mt. 9:20-22; Mk. 5:25-34; Luke 8:43-47.**
9. The man by the sheep market pool **John 5: 1-9**
10. The man at the gate called Beautiful **Acts 3: 1-11.**

In most of these cases certain lessons present themselves to us:

1. There was always a determination to succeed or to change their situation. In the case of the woman with the issue of blood, commentators described her as “a woman who had faith born in desperation. Jacob was desperate for a change in destiny. So was Jabez and most of the people there. Esther expressed her desperation when she said: “I will go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish.” **Esther 4:16.** What could be more desperate than the situation of the lepers in **2 Kings 7: 4** “if we say we will enter into the, then famine is in the city, and we shall die there: and if sit here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the Syrians: if they save us alive, we shall live and they kill us, we shall but die.” Hannah was desperate to have a man child and he would not accept the cajoling of the husband. How desperate are you expecting a miracle?

2. Getting in contact with the unchanging changer never leaves one in need. The woman with the issue of blood got in contact with the life changer after spending all she had on physicians. Peter and his brother came in contact with the man who knew how to change lives and their witnessed a dramatic turn around.
3. There is always a strong force repelling the change. In the case of Zaccheus there was the large crowd. The woman with the issue of blood had to contend with the crowd as well. David had to contend with his brothers who were the trained soldiers. They all did not allow those circumstances and people to deter their journey to destiny.
4. The grace and power of God is always there to accomplish the change. The power of God is there to bring to pass the ultimate plan of God for your life. Nothing can stop it nothing can deter it. The Jesus saw Zaccheus on the tree. The power of God recognized the need of the woman with the pool of blood. The plethora of history and woes of the man at the sheep market pool did not stop Jesus. Peter and John pulled the man at the gate called beautiful and restored him to fullness. The power of God will locate you where you may be, what may be your circumstance or history tonight in the name of Jesus.
5. Finally, there is the strong room for faith. The story of the paralytic man is a classical one regarding desperate application of faith. The friends of man knew that removing the roof and taking the man inside to Jesus was going to bring an end to the misery of their friend and their faith made the man whole. The woman with the issue of blood believed that a touch of the garment of Jesus was all that was needed for the blood to stop flowing. That motivated her to go for a touch and the outcome was what she needed. As you pray in faith tonight, the Lord will do the work of a turn around in your life in the name of Jesus. In prayer, you need to be specific. Don't take anything for granted. Ask specifically and the Lord will do it.