

TOUCHING JESUS

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“And when they passed over, they came into the land of Gennesaret, and drew to the shore. And when they were come out of the ship, straightway they knew him. And ran through that whole region round about, and began to carry about in beds those that were sick, where they heard he was. And whithersoever he entered, into villages, or cities, or country, they laid the sick in the streets, and besought him that they might touch if it were but the border of his garment: and as many as touched him were made whole.” Mark 6:53-56

This passage follows the healing of the woman who had a blood disorder for twelve long years. In Mark chapter five, we see this woman press through the crowd that surrounded Jesus so that she might touch the hem of His garment. When she did, virtue left Him and went into her and she was made whole! In those days it was forbidden by law to touch the garments of a Rabbi, especially if he was a holy man. Nevertheless, she knew if she did not touch Him she would die. The news of this powerful miracle must have traveled all the way to Gennesaret where they heard that Jesus could be touched and also heard of the results. The Law keeps mankind from touching Jesus. Religion and the traditions of men made Him untouchable.

“Who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity.” Hebrews 5:2

Whatever the problem, weakness or infirmity we face, Jesus is touched by it. Our High Priest Jesus Christ is not only

touched by our infirmities but is moved with compassion to meet our needs, redeem our messes and solve our problems.

This woman had a bleeding issue. What a picture of the body of Christ who also has many spiritual issues. Issues that separate us such as jealousies, envies, strife and competitions that hinder us from touching Jesus. These bleeding issues can only be stopped by the body of Christ pressing into Him and touching Him so that virtue is released and the bleeding ceases.

I believe we live in a lost and dying world that is looking for Jesus. So the real question is – when they touch YOU do they get Jesus or do they get condemnation, criticism or rejection? My prayer is that when they touch US, “Lord, let them touch YOU”.

I love this woman’s tenacity; how she pressed into Jesus. In this hour, many have put a great emphasis on pressing into their gifts, callings, ministry and purpose. These are all very important but these are not the high call. The higher calling on all of us is to press into Him!

“Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth into those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” Philipians 3:13 & 14

The prize is Jesus! He is our destiny and He is the high call of God. As I press into Him I also enter into and fulfill my ministry, my

purpose on the planet and my personal destiny. Many Christians ask me, "What am I supposed to do for the Lord?" They think the kingdom is all about "doing". What we are called to do first and foremost is to touch Him in prayer, praise, and worship and in an intimate personal relationship. Our desire to press into Him must be greater than our past failures, disappointments and sorrows of yesterday. We must leave them behind and reach forward to the prize which is Christ. As we press through every hindrance, every trial and every problem we press into Him and become His image and likeness in the earth. Whereby when others touch our lives they will touch Jesus.

"And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague." Mark 5:34

Jesus not only healed the woman but made her whole. God desires His body to be made whole and in this present hour we will see this as His ultimate plan for the church.

"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."
I Thessalonians 5:23

The Lord desires us to have a holy spirit – one that is forgiving, loving, humble, faithful and willing. That which is not a holy spirit is unholy. Therefore, God begins to sanctify the spirit because He always works from the inside out not the outside in. This woman told Jesus what He had done in her not for her.

The work of the Holy Spirit always begins within us. Once our spirit is right He can begin to save our souls. The soul is made up of the mind, the will and the emotions and

desires. We are to have the mind of Christ to think like Him and to believe like Him.

"And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." Ephesians 4:23 & 24

The word of the Lord will renew our minds of unsaved thoughts and turn doubting thoughts into believing thoughts; fearful thoughts into faith thoughts; and lustful thoughts into loving thoughts.

When our minds are renewed then our bodies can be made whole. You are closest to your healing when you believe the healing of your mind is greater than the healing of your body.

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." III John 1:2

It is a proven fact that many physical conditions are directly linked to emotional problems. Therefore, for my body to be whole my spirit and soul must be in order and whole. Your body reflects the soul and the soul is a reflection of your spirit. Emotional healings are just as supernatural as physical healings and many times are a prerequisite to physical healings.

Healings are wonderful but they are not God's best – Divine Health is. And divine health can only come through God's salvation plan of wholeness. There are very few New Testament scriptures on healing. I believe the reason for this is He provided health through the finished work at Calvary so we would be whole; spirit, soul and body and that He never intended on His body being sick. God wants to make us whole in ways we have never experienced. As we set our passion on Jesus and press into Him

wholeness will come to His body the Church.

A desperate need to press in by faith and touch Him must now arise upon the body of Christ. I remember as a young boy in church we sang a song called “He Touched Me.” That song was wonderful at the time but times have changed. There is a shift in the heavens and now WE must touch HIM! No longer leisurely waiting on Jesus which creates lethargic, passive Christianity. But He’s waiting on us to press through to His garments and release His virtue into our world. Life, power, and virtue are bound in the garments of our beloved Lord. Let us together press in and release the heavens in our day – that every issue that has been causing us to bleed and lose life will be

swallowed up in His life that all who touch us will find Him and be made whole.

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