

Touching Jesus

Scripture: Luke 8:43-46

Introduction

It takes more than a casual brush with Jesus Christ to cause Him to intervene on your behalf. It takes earnestly reaching out to Him by faith, and then hold onto him until the answer is received. "Touch" here means "to embrace or hold onto." "People brought all their sick to him and begged him to let the sick just touch the edge of his cloak, and all who touched him were healed." (Matthew 14:35b-36)

I. It was a touch of desperation

Mark 5:26 NIV She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse.

- A. There were no other options
 - 1. Many had tried and failed
 - 2. All other options were exhausted
- B. When we are limited, God is strong

2 Corinthians 12:9 ...for my strength is made perfect in weakness.
- C. Jacob was desperate when he wrestled with the angel
- D. Men who touch God
 - 1. Hezekiah
 - a. For himself -- Isaiah 38
 - b. For Jerusalem -- Isaiah 37
 - 2. Moses for Israel -- Exodus 32
 - 3. Jehoshaphat -- 2 Chronicles 20

II. It was an objective touch

Mark 10:51 NIV "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him.

- A. She was not there for sightseeing
- B. She had a specific need
 - 1. She did not need to see Jesus Christ, Superstar
 - 2. She needed to see Jesus Christ, the Son of God
- C. She was not asking amiss

James 4: 3 NIV When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

III. It was a touch of power

Luke 8:46 NIV But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me."

- A. Power left the body of Jesus
- B. Divine power restored the woman to health
- C. God wants to bestow power on us today

Acts 1:8a NIV But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you