

# **THE TOUCH THAT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE**

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**Mat 14:34** And when they were gone over, they came into the land of Gennesaret.

**Mat 14:35** And when the men of that place had knowledge (Recognized Him) of him, they sent out into all that country round about, and brought unto him all that were diseased;

**Mat 14:36** And besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole.

1. The people took advantage of that moment to reach out and touch Jesus.
2. They could have missed that opportunity and nobody would have been healed.

## **THE TOUCH OF THE WORLD**

1. People of the world will wait for hours to see and possibly touch a famous baseball, football, basketball, rock star or a movie star.
2. Some people camp out over night to get a ticket for a certain concert, or some important championship game.
3. When I was younger, I wanted to see President John Kennedy. He was going to be in a motorcade in downtown plaza area of San Diego. I remember ditching school and getting a ride to the San Diego Plaza. I climbed upon a building and perched myself high on a building in hopes to see the President. I did see him and thought that was a big deal.

**THE REAL NEED OF THE CHURCH, IS TO REACH OUT  
AND TOUCH JESUS**

1. But there is nothing Like the Touch of God in your lives, (As Many as touched Him!).

1. We are trying to live for God without consistent renewing of the touch of God in our lives.

**Act 17:26** And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

**Act 17:27** That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:

**Act 17:28** For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

### **TYPES OF TOUCHES IN THE BIBLE**

1. **The forbidden touch:** “thou shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it lest ye die” Gen 3:3.

2. **Moses Set bounds about the mount:**

**Exo 19:12** And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, *that ye go not* up into the mount, or touch the border of it: whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death:

**Exo 19:13** There shall not an hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether *it be* beast or man, it shall not live: when the trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount.

3. **Touch not the unclean thing:**

**2Co 6:17** Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you,

**2Co 6:18** And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

## **TOUCH OF HEALING**

1. **Leper:** (Matt.8:1-4) “And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.
2. **The Woman with the issue of Blood:**

**Mat 9:20** And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind *him*, and touched the hem of his garment:

**Mat 9:21** For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole.

## **THE TOUCH FOR INFANTS**

1. **The Infants also were touched:** In Luke 18:15, “They brought unto Him also infants, that he would touch them.”

## **THE CONVERTING TOUCH**

1. **A band of Men:**

**1Sa 10:26** And Saul also went home to Gibeah; and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched.

a. God’s touch will make you follow the King:

2. **God gives people a new Heart and a New Spirit through His touch:**

**Eze 36:25** Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

**Eze 36:26** A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

**Eze 36:27** And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do *them*.

3. **The Touch of God that came upon the Upper Room:** “They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and begin to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.”
4. **The Touch that Ignited Evangelism:** “And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.”

### **THE TOUCH OF REDEDICATION**

And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

**Ezr 3:12** But many of the priests and Levites and chief of the fathers, *who were* ancient men, that had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy:

**Ezr 3:13** So that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.

### **THE TOUCH TO OVERCOME DESPONDENCY AND DISCOURAGEMENT**

**1Ki 19:4** But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I *am* not better than my fathers.

**1Ki 19:5** And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise *and* eat.

**1Ki 19:8** And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.

### **THE DETERMINATION TO TOUCH HIM**

**Gen 32:24** And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.

**Gen 32:25** And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him.

**Gen 32:26** And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, **I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.**

**Gen 32:27** And he said unto him, What *is* thy name? And he said, Jacob.

**Gen 32:28** And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

**Jer 29:12** Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.

**Jer 29:13** And ye shall seek me, and find *me*, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.