

His Healing Hands

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Key scripture verse Matthew 14:35-36

“...when the men of that place recognized Jesus, they sent word to all the surrounding country. ³⁶People brought all their sick to Him and begged Him to let the sick just touch the hem of his garment, ***and all who touched [him] were healed.**”

I. Senses (touch)

- A. Created and valued by God (TOG quote)
- B. Humans crave it (infants, elderly, sweethearts, language “stay in touch”)
- C. Jesus physically experienced our world through touch
 - 1. During his ministry (took children/blessed them Mark 3:10; 10:26)
 - 2. Hands-on miracles: (fishing yields, feeding 1000’s, breaking bread, washing feet)
 - a. **Miracle: a surprising and welcome event not explainable by natural or scientific law and therefore considered to be the work of a divine agency**

II. Miracles involving touch

- A. Examples of:
 - Matthew 8:14 Peter’s mother “He touched her hand” (key* notoriety brings fame)
 - Mark 1:40, 41 “I am willing...[Jesus] reached out his hand and touched the man”
 - Luke 8:46 Woman subject to 12-year bleed “who touched me? Power has gone out...”
 - Luke 8:54 took Jairus’ daughter by the hand “get up”
 - Luke 13:10 Crippled Woman [Jesus] put his hands on her...
- B. Jesus power was not limited by * Formula (restoring eyesight was different @ time)
 - * Time Lazarus (John 11:40)
 - * O.T. law doing the work of healing on the Sabbath John 7:23
 - * Physical proximity Royal Official’s son John 4:50 “Go, your son will live.” The man took Jesus at his word.

(Exception: lack of faith limits the extent of healing Mark 6:5,6)

- C. Elements of healing miracles:
 - 1. Forgiveness Luke 5:17
 - 2. Faith Luke 8:48
 - 3. Peace Mark 5:34
- D. Purpose of Jesus healing in the way he did to:
 - 1. Prove he was who he said (Son of God)
 - 2. Show his power
 - 3. Express love and compassion (shepherd, healer, teacher)

Why was it important that the Son of God become human?

III. Ongoing impact of miracles

- A. God’s Word Mark 4:50 transforms hearts, yields faith benefits – alive/active; prompts prayer
 - 1. The Samaritan woman John 4:4 ff esp. 39-41 her testimony brings others to faith
 - 2. Disciples commissioned Acts 9:40-42 Dorcas; Acts 3:6 Peter/no silver/gold “WALK”
 - 3. God’s word, through others has supernatural benefits
- B. Scripture language describes God reaching down and lifting us up
 - Psalms 18:16; 139:10; 145:15,16
- C. Surrounded by spiritual leprosy, **WE** are:
 - a. recharged (through bible study, worship [Lent] and retreats/fellowship)
 - b. Powered by Holy Spirit Acts 1:8 first-person witnesses to Jesus love
 - c. commissioned to act as Jesus’ disciples (Jer 1:9; John 13:35; Mark 16:15)

IV. Connected to Christ, we are commissioned ambassadors (2 Cor 5:20)

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- A. Courageous, we cannot help speaking about Jesus and all he has done! Acts 4:20
- A. Be the hands and feet of Jesus, Romans 12:11; 1 Cor 12:27 [Raggedy Woman story](#)
- B. Use whatever gift we have received to minister to others 1 Peter 4:10; Eph 2:10
- C. Wash feet John 13:14 (or [fannies/chins](#) or mend garments or give [umbrellas](#)) [elderly mom example](#), [enthusiastic volunteerism](#)
- V. Greatest Miracle of all Easter: "He is risen indeed!" Our redemption drives our purpose

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And all who touched
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were healed

Matthew 14:36b

TENDER TOUCH

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Jesus "touch" ministry

- Matthew 8:14
- Mark 1:40, 41
- Luke 8:46
- Luke 8:54
- Luke 13:10

Jesus' power is not limited by: _____, _____, _____ or _____.
John 11:40 John 7:23 John 4:50*

Healing IS limited by lack of _____. Mark 6:5, 6

Elements of healing miracles:

- Luke 5:17 _____
- Luke 8:48 _____
- Mark 5:34 _____

Why Jesus healed: to prove _____, to show _____, to express _____

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MIRACLES ONGOING IMPACT

What does Acts 9:40-42 illustrate? Consider John 4:50*

Who benefits from the testimony of the Samaritan woman (at the well)? John 4:39-41

What bible passages "touch" your heart?

The miracle that resonates most with me is:

USING MY HANDS TO SERVE

Disciples were commissioned

How do the following verses alter **my** thoughts about **my** own "healing hands?"

- Romans 12:11
- 1 Corinthians 12:27
- 1 Peter 4:10
- Ephesians 2:10
- John 13:14

With whom do I need to **get in touch**? _____

My plan to **reach out** to them is: _____

Jesus tenderness in miracles compels me to: _____.