

Luke 8:45

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Jesus' question 'Who touched Me?' reveals the importance of making a contact with Him that brings about a deeper relationship and healing.

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Description

Chuck Smith explores the profound question posed by Jesus, 'Who touched Me?' during His journey to heal Jairus' daughter. He emphasizes that while many were physically close to Jesus, only one woman, suffering from a long-term ailment, made a true connection through her faith. This encounter illustrates that mere proximity to Christ does not equate to a personal relationship; it is faith that draws His attention and brings healing. The sermon highlights the importance of acknowledging our need for Christ and the transformative power of faith, encouraging listeners to seek a deeper connection with Him.

Transcript

"WHO TOUCHED ME?"

Intro: Strange question.. .At this time Jesus was itinerant minister. Traveling in company with Him; the 12 and certain women who had been healed by Him and ministered to Him of their substance. Had just come from Gadara...as they reached shore met by crowd and Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue. While walking toward Jairus' home, Jesus stopped and questioned "who touched Me?" Foolish question... where was Jairus? Waiting, anxious.

I. THE QUESTION IS SELECTIVE.

A. All the multitudes not on same footing.

1. Who touched Me? - 100 - no one got near -all near - no far away though brushing one touched.

2. Divided one person from the crowd.

II. THE QUESTION REVEALED.

A. There are contacts with Christ that make no demands.

1. Men can be near yet not near.

2. Look into His face and not see Him.

3. Catch accents of His voice and not hear Him.

4. Jostle His garments, be familiar with all the sacraments of His house, observe all the externals of worship, but never make contact with Him reveals.

B. Once contact made, He must answer.

1. Virtue will pass from Him.

2. A crowd was never a mob to Jesus.

a. Always a company of individual souls.

3. Question was not to discover who she was, but to- bring her to a higher relationship.

C. What was her contact? Best revealed by story.

1. Mark her condition - an issue of blood.

a. According to Hebrew law.

1. Excommunicated from temple, no mingling.

2. Divorced from husband - no living with him.

3. Ostracized from society - loneliness 12 years.

b. 12 years weakened day by day - 12 years shut out.

2. Jesus is coming her way.

a. Difficult for a strong man to get through crowd.

3. What brought her? Faith born of hope born of testimony.

4. In a venture of faith she touched the border of His robe.

a. A moment of releasing her faith.

b. Flesh was pressing Him, but faith touched Him.

5. Human interest and curiosity presses but faith reaches.

"Who touched Me?"

III. THE QUESTION WAS CAUSATIVE.

A. She hoped to be healed unnoticed.

1. Just touch and quietly slip away.

a. Many try to do just this.

2. She was not allowed to do this.

a. Must come from 'behind and stand in front.

b. Not that crowd might know of healing.

c. So she might confess Him in order to receive more.

3. "Daughter" go in peace - no longer weak but strong. Still excommunicated, divorced and ostracized. "Daughter."

B. Another reason for her confession.

1. Look again at Jairus.

a. Why does He wait? My precious little girl so ill.

b. This light has blessed our home 12 yrs. now dying

c. "What did she say?" 12 yrs. of shadow, Tshe's had this shadow as long as we have had our joy. Her shadow now gone replaced by sunshine.

C. She must confess to glorify Christ.

1. Those in this: crowd plotting His death.

You say the story is old. . . fresh as this morning, it is happening right now. We all are here because of our-interest in Christ - some of you may never touch Him though in a crowd 'near Him. But all ready this morning, some broken heart, some weary soul is beginning to' feel that virtue that heals.

Have you touched Him?

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