

Luke 4:14 – Luke 6:49

“laying His hands on each one, He healed them” Luke 4:40

“and the people all tried to touch Him, because power was coming from Him and healing them all” Luke 6:19

A touch from the Lord

in your “secular” job (Luke 5:4-8)

in your family life (Luke 4:38,39)

in your spiritual/physical life (Luke 5:12-14)

bringing someone to Jesus for a “touch” (Luke 5:17-26)

Luke 5:4-8

4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.”

5 Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.”

6 When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. **7** So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. **8** When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!”

In your “secular” life

- Peter already called to follow Jesus (John 2:40)
 - similar to John 21?
- why did this cause Peter to fall at Jesus’ feet?
- Jesus involved in our “secular” jobs?
- Hebrew word “avodah”
 - “six days you shall “avodah” (Exod 34:21)
 - “let my people go that they may “avodah” me” (Exod 8:1)
 - But as for me and my house, we will “avodah” the Lord (Joshua 24:15)
- result of Jesus’ touch?
 - “nets began to break” – even in broad daylight!
 - “Master” (v 5) becomes “Lord” (v 8)

Luke 4: 38-39

38 Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. **39** So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them.

In your family life

- why a “high” fever?
- Matthew and Mark say Jesus “touched her hand”
- Jesus rebuked the fever NOT her
- family issues can be brought to the Lord
- result of Jesus’ touch – “began to wait on them”

Luke 5:12-14

12 While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged him, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.”

13 Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!” And immediately the leprosy left him.

14 Then Jesus ordered him, “Don’t tell anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them.”

In your spiritual/physical life

- Leprosy in Scripture = sin (incurable disease)
- Jesus TOUCHED the leper
- “I am willing” cf Mark 9:22 “if you can”
- result of Jesus’ touch – cleansed (not cured)
 - we need constant cleansing
 - “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness” 1 John 1:9

Luke 5:17-26

17 One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick. **18** Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. **19** When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.

20 When Jesus saw their faith, he said, “Friend, your sins are forgiven.”

21 The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, “Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

22 Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, “Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? **23** Which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’? **24** But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the paralyzed man, “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” **25** Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God. **26** Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, “We have seen remarkable things today.”

Bringing someone to be touched

- how do we bring someone to Jesus?
 - prayer (up before down!)
 - personal witnessing
 - preaching
- “he saw THEIR faith” (v 20)
- which is easiest?
- result of Jesus’ touch – praising God (v 25)