

“The Tangible Touch” Sermon Outline

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I. Introduction

- A. Acts 19:11-12 “And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.”

ILLUSTRATION: Brother Smith Wigglesworth had been preaching a revival campaign and was staying in the home where the husband was unsaved. He was leaving when the woman of the house came to the door and screamed, "Brother Wigglesworth, you can't leave! My husband's not saved." He turned around and said, "Just don't change the sheets." That night her husband slid down in those sheets and woke up in the middle of the night saying the fire was up too hot. She replied that the fire had gone out hours ago and in fact, was cold you could see your breath. He said, "There's something wrong with this bed. It feels like it's on fire." She said, "Brother Wigglesworth said you were going to hell. You must be experiencing a prelude. He was leaving today and he said don't change those sheets." That man slid out of that bed, got on his face before God and repented of his sins. Why? Because the anointing is tangible.

B. Principle of transmission by contact.

1. Has been known for centuries – Try touching a wire with electrical current running through it.
2. The flash of a camera
 - a. Inside the camera is a capacitor.
 - b. The capacitor literally stores electrical energy and releases it in a fraction of a second to power the flash.
 - c. When the proper conditions are met, power is released, and the flash illuminates the room.
3. Paul handkerchiefs and aprons
 - a. The handkerchiefs and aprons stored spiritual energy – the anointing.
 - b. A simple piece of cloth taken from his body still had enough virtue left upon it to cure diseases and drive out evil spirits.
 - c. When the proper conditions were met and contact with that piece of cloth was made, power was released and miracles were manifested.

- C. Mark 5:21-34 “Now when Jesus had crossed over again by boat to the other side, a great multitude gathered to him; and he was by the sea. And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw him, he fell at his feet and begged him earnestly, saying, ‘My little daughter lies at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, that she may be healed. And she will live.’ So Jesus went with him, and a great multitude followed him and thronged him. Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for 12 years, and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. For she said, ‘If only I may touch his clothes, I shall be made well.’ Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction. And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that power had gone out of him, turned around in the crowd and said, ‘Who touched my clothes?’ But his disciples said to him, ‘You see the multitude thronging you, and you say, ‘Who touched me?’ And he looked around to see her who had done this thing. But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. And he said to her, ‘Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction.’”

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II. The four things that led to the woman’s miraculous deliverance.

A. She Heard

1. She heard of Jesus and her expectation was elevated.
 - a. The atmosphere of expectancy is the breeding ground of miracles.
2. The progression or process
 - a. Romans 10:13-14 “For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?”
 - ii. Ask two questions:
 - A. What did God say?
 - a. “How shall they hear without a PREACHER?” Preacher said = God said.
 - b. Hearing = Information = Knowledge = Understanding = Trust
 - B. What is His character?
 - a. Romans 10:17 “So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.”

ILLUSTRATION: Dr. Lester Sumrall explained faith as “simply knowing God.”

3. 3 questions about Healing;
 - a. In Mark 1:40-41 the leper asks Jesus, “Will you?” Jesus replied, “I will.” “And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean.”
 - b. In Mark 9:22-23 the man whose son was possessed asked “If thou canst do anything?” Jesus replied, “If thou can’t believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.” Mark 9:22-23, “And often times it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us. Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.”
 - i. It’s not a question of what Jesus can do, but what you can believe.
 - c. In John 5:9 Jesus asked the lame man at the pool of Bethesda, “Will you be whole?” How many of us are willing?

B. She Said

1. She said what she believed. Mark 5:28 “If only I may touch his clothes, I shall be made well.”
 2. If you believe in your heart and confess with your mouth, you shall have it. – Romans 10:10 “For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”
 - a. The woman did not talk to anyone else. She made this statement within herself.
- ILLUSTRATION of painting a picture: The artist has the picture inside himself, and the more he paints, the clearer it becomes to others.
- b. The woman was unclean. It was unlawful for her to be around other people. It took a step of faith for her to even be in the crowd.

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3. You SHALL have it. Mark 11:22-24 “And Jesus answering saith unto them, have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.”
4. Your faith must take action. James 2:26 “...Faith without works is dead...”

C. She Touched

1. The woman didn’t have to touch Jesus; she just had to touch something that was touching him.
 - a. The Bible says she took hold of the border of his garment (with the tenacity of a pit bull)
 - b. Example: Jacob – “I won’t let go until you bless me!”
2. The woman had desire born of desperation.
 - a. She refused to be refused!
 - b. Mark 11:24 “What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.”
3. Redemption
 - a. Galatians 3:13 “Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree.”
 - b. The woman touched a garment that was woven without a seam – a picture of the completed work of redemption.
4. Fringe / Tassels with Blue Thread
 - a. Jewish men were commanded to put fringes or tassels with a blue thread in them on the corners of their garments to remind them of the Word of God.
 - b. The tassels were literally entwined with blue thread, indicating the word of God woven into the fabric of our lives.
 - c. Woman was “holding on by a thread,” but that thread was the living word of God.
 - d. Then something happened immediately!

D. She Felt

1. She felt it when it happened.
2. Jesus said, “Somebody touched me ...”
 - a. Jesus perceived that virtue had gone forth from him.
 - b. Jesus wasn’t concerned about the thrill seekers who were just trying to get close to him.
 - c. Jesus wanted to know who had enough faith to grab hold and not let go.

III. The woman’s faith and the tangible touch of the anointing made her whole!