

Keeping in Touch

(Read Luke 8:42-48)

And Jesus said, Who touched me? Luke 8:45

When this current pandemic subsides and we are able to go about the daily routine of life, we will be confronted with the “new normal”. Varying degrees of social distancing will continue; and it’s even been suggested that handshaking could become extinct. After many weeks of being quarantined, people may continue finding it difficult to connect with others because of the fear of still being able to be infected. All of this can have an adverse effect on our Christian fellowship and also in our evangelistic efforts. Under our “old normal”, how often God’s love was conveyed through us as we embraced the broken hearted, encouraged a person with a pat on the back, or by holding one’s hand as we implored the Heavenly Father to answer our prayer. Even the power of the unspoken witness to the unbelieving world as previously they observed Christians interacting in fellowship with one another could possibly decline in our “new normal”.

Fortunately, there is One who never has and never will withdraw from us if we reach out to Him. He continues to beckon us to draw near, to bear the yoke of the burdens of life together, to abide in Him, and to walk in the light together with Him. This One who left heaven and came to this corrupt and sinful world in order to be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, every aspect of His life was about touching others. Like the woman with the issue of blood who was outcast and unclean, engulfed by the crowd and yet so very much alone, we also desire to get close to Jesus. And although all she wanted was to merely touch the border of Jesus’ garment to find physical healing, she found that doing so resulted in a far deeper healing than she could have possibly imagined. Her life was now forever touched and changed by the Savior.

Whatever happens in the “new normal” we will always be able to touch and be touched by our loving Lord Jesus.

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