

*Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way*

June 28, 2015

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Lamentations 3:22-33

Psalms 30:1

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Mark 5:21-43



There Is Power in a Touch Object: Gather objects that are soft, smooth, rough, bumpy, etc. & put them in a paper bag

As you probably know, we have five senses. We use these five senses to give us information about the world around us. For example, if I were to hold up a ball and ask you what it was, you would identify it by using your sense of sight. If I were to ring a bell and ask you what it was, you would identify it was by using your sense of hearing. If I put a flower under your nose and ask you to tell me what it was, you would know what it was by its smell. If I gave you a sip of lemonade, you would know right away what it was because of its taste.

There is one of the five senses that I have not mentioned. Do you know what it is? It is the sense of touch. We are going to play a little game to test our sense of touch. I have a bag that is filled with a lot of different things. Without looking, you must reach in the bag and take one of the objects in your hand. Then you must tell me what you think it is and then take it out of the bag. We will see if you were right.

(After several minutes of allowing the children to identify various objects by touch, continue with the sermon.)

The sense of touch is very important, isn't it? We can often tell what an object is by its size, shape, and texture -- all of which can be learned by using our sense of touch. This morning I want to tell you about a woman who experienced the power of Jesus -- just by touching him.

One day Jesus was walking through a large crowd of people. The people were crowding around so that he could hardly move. There was a woman in the crowd who had been bleeding for twelve years. She had been to many doctors, but none had been able to help her. She had heard about Jesus and she believed that he could heal her, but there were so many who were people crowded around him that it seemed hopeless.

The woman thought to herself, "If I could just get close enough to touch his robe, I would be healed." So she pushed through the crowd and reached out and touched Jesus' clothes. Her bleeding stopped immediately and her suffering was ended.

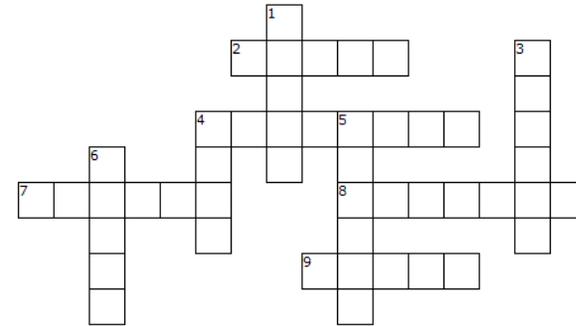
The Bible tells us that as soon as the woman touched him, Jesus felt the power go out of him. He turned to the woman and said, "Your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be free from your suffering."

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. Our Saviour Jesus Christ has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia (2 Timothy 1:10)

Dear Jesus, we long to reach out and touch you and to feel your power in our life. Amen..

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Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 2. To put the fingers lightly on something
- 4. Losing blood from a cut or a sore
- 7. To be cured or restored to health
- 8. The things you wear to cover your body
- 9. A human adult female

DOWN

- 1. Physical strength or force
- 3. To experience physical or mental pain
- 4. The main, physical part of a person
- 5. A person who treats people who are sick or injured
- 6. To believe in something you cannot see

FAITH	BLEEDING	SUFFER	BODY	WOMAN
DOCTOR	HEALED	CLOTHES	TOUCH	POWER

HAND WREATH: Give the children supplies to trace their hands and cut out about 10 hands that have been traced. Color the hands and then glue them around the edges of a paper plate. The children can then write REACH OUT TO JESUS FOR POWER on the inside part of the plate and color the edges. Hang the plate by a ribbon at the top that is hole punched.

FAITH GLITTERING: Print the word FAITH on a piece of paper and let apply some glue to the word and sprinkle colored glitter to it. Let it set for a little while and then gently shake off the excess glitter! The children can hang their FAITH art on their wall at home to remind them to reach out in faith and touch Jesus to receive his POWER!!

TOUCHING THE GARMENT

MARK 5:24-34



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