

One touch

Matthew 14

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Matthew 14: 34-36 New International Version (NIV)

<sup>34</sup>When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret. <sup>35</sup>And when the men of that place recognized Jesus, they sent word to all the surrounding country. People brought all their sick to him <sup>36</sup>and begged him to let the sick just touch the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

Some of us celebrate Juneteenth we celebrate freedom from oppression.

Some of us celebrate July 4<sup>th</sup> as freedom from oppression.

*When is your Independence Day from the evils of this world and damnation to hell?*

*When do we celebrate being born-again?*

## What does it mean to be born-again?

**Our “birth” into a mind of freedom began/ begins with accepting Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and savior, deliverer, rescuer, atoner, mediator, friend, father, source for all things divine, liberator.**

[Nicodemus the skeptic still has an opportunity to find salvation in Jesus Christ](#)

Nicodemus the law maker- When we speak of being “born-again” it is not a physical meaning of reentering the womb of your mother. Being “born -again” is a transformation of the mind, spirit, heart, and soul. Being born-again is completely present of all things seen and unseen. Being born-again is understanding that what we wrestle with is not what we see it is what we do not see so we **MUST** not only fight with what we see (stand for justice) but we **MUST** also stand, kneel, pray, praise, and acknowledge the sovereign God in heaven and the omnipresence of Yeshua that will change the heart of man.

**Nicodemus needed an experience with Jesus to know that Jesus was the messiah.**

Matthew 14:34-36

The woman with the issue of blood the faithful believer in Jesus Christ ability to heal has the opportunity for salvation in Jesus Christ

**Woman with an issue of blood**

Matthew 9: 20-22 New International Version (NIV)

<sup>20</sup>Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. <sup>21</sup>She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed."

<sup>22</sup>Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed at that moment.

The woman needed an experience with Jesus, a healing to know that Jesus was real

John 20: 29

Thomas the intellectual one needed proof to believe in Jesus Christ

Then Jesus told him (Thomas), "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

When does our faith end?

When life is too hard for you to handle so you give in to pressures and stop having faith in God? Or do you seek, pray, praise, prophesy, preach, walk in faith?

**Question: Could our lack of faith be hindering healing of this world?**

**Question: Could our lack of intention to share about Jesus Christ be one of the reasons why we are in a state of peril and pain as a world?**

**True followers of Jesus Christ we MUST stand for Jesus Christ at all times and at all costs.**

**The importance of having freedom from sin**

Romans 8:2:

makes it clear that, in addition to death, **sin** is another means by which one can be **separated** from **God's love**. One who does not repent of **sins** through Jesus Christ remain subject to the condemnation due all sinners. Further, **sin** can **separate** mankind from **God** even in this life

Sin separates us from the love of God- not God separating from us but us separating from God because **we desire sin over the sacrifice of not sinning.**

We desire self over mercy

**II Peter 3:9**

He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to **perish, but everyone to come to repentance. But** the day of the Lord **will come** like a thief. The heavens **will** disappear with a roar; the elements **will** be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it **will** be laid bare.

## God is merciful

To touch Jesus means:

Requires participation

Requires intention

Requires initiation

Requires opportunity- waiting, watching, expectancy

God gave us the holy spirit (God omnipresent) to guide, lead, correct, forgive, reconcile us to Him

Question: What will it take for you to get a touch of the hem of the garment of Jesus?

Question: What part of your life will you have to change?

**Our intentions become our lens based on what is in our hearts**

Matthew 12:34:

“You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of”

**Every** Opportunity – see **every** situation as **an opportunity** not a punishment to **see Jesus** in the situation

**Will you run towards Jesus to get a touch of the hem of His garment? Or will you be running towards something else or someone else as your savior, deliverer, rescuer?**