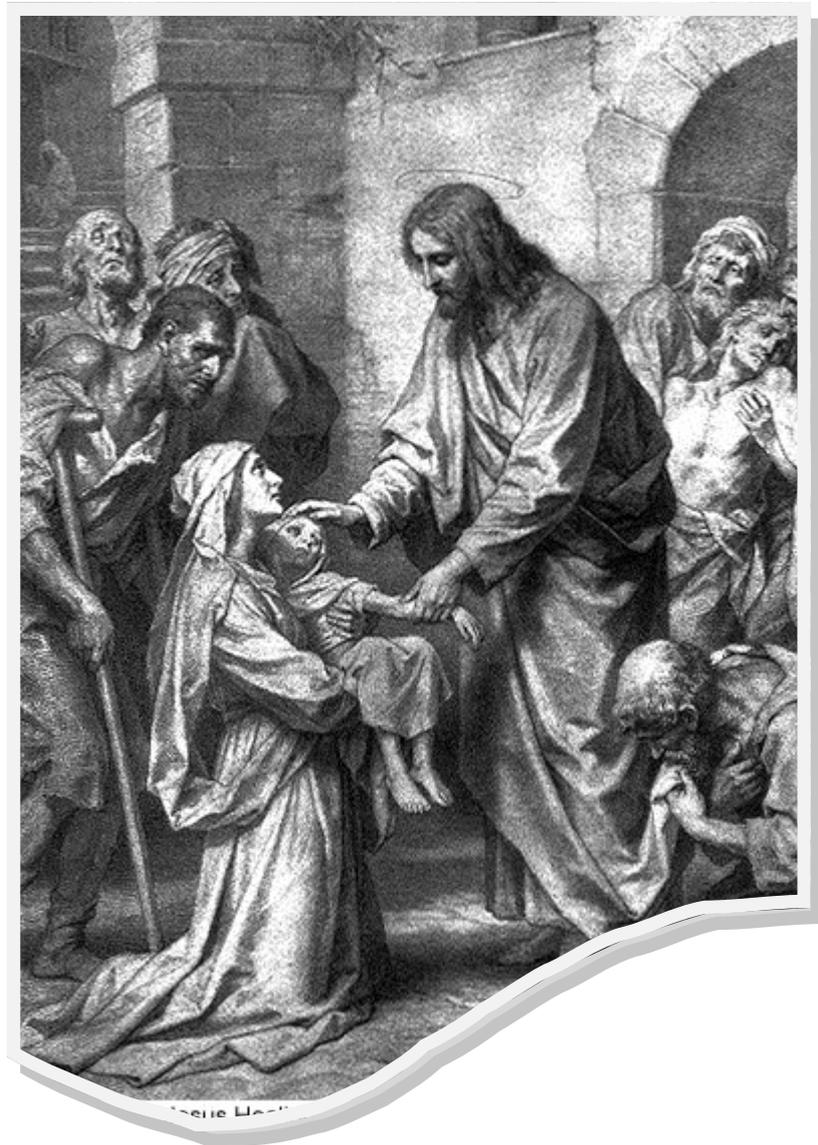


Go For God World.
Sermon No 3
Keep In Touch With Him



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Bible Reading Matthew Ch 14v34-36 Keep In Touch With Him.

When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret. 35 And when the men of that place recognised Him, they sent out into all that surrounding region, brought to Him all who were sick, 36 and begged Him that they might only touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched it were made perfectly well. AMEN.

B&S it is only when we really begin to know the Lord for ourselves, and keep in touch with Him that we become concerned and compelled to try to do our best to bring others to know God as well. We can sit here every week enjoying each other's company, the crac, the meetings, and feeling the presence of God and wonder why are there so many people outside not coming to church? We may think to ourselves, they don't know what they are missing, and there is truth in that. They truly don't know what they are missing. We love the Lord because we have surrendered our life over to Him, and the Holy Spirit now dwells within us. But once upon a time until we freely gave ourselves to the Lord, we also didn't know what we were missing. You can now look at others and think, There go I but for the grace of God. Amen. That is why so many Christians can look back and think, **Wasted Years**, If only I had come sooner. B&S The Bible tells us that the *Natural man does not receive the things of Spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him, and neither can he know them because they are spiritually discerned. 1 Corinthians Ch2v14*

B&S We can all say , Once I was lost but now I am found, Once I was blind but now I see, and now I want to keep in touch with Him. Here is a question, Are you burdened for a lost soul? Are we really concerned about the unsaved as well as our own immediate family? The fields are ripe unto harvest, and the harvest field is all around us. We rub shoulders and communicate every day with the unsaved, a multitude of men and women who are lost. **Why Did Jesus Christ Come?**

Luke 19v10 says. *For the Son of man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.* Amen. To know God better, we must understand the whole concept why the **Father** sent His Son. Why was it? We are all good at quoting John 3v16 And that verse says quite a lot. Quote, *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten,* Continue. But nearly every body stops there, yet verses 17&18 says a lot more.

17 *For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world. But that the world through Him might be saved.*

18 *He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. Amen.*

How many times have you heard someone say, I don't believe any of that nonsense? When your dead your dead they say. Once you go down that hole that's the end of you. People say they don't believe in God or the Resurrection from the dead. There was no Virgin Birth, No Eternal Life, No Second Coming. Why? Why do many people say and believe that?

Because they are in darkness, and if they remain in darkness when they die they will be condemned for it as John Ch3v19 states. *And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.* Amen. B&S we know that many of our neighbours are lost, but do we feel any real concern for them? Do we have any passion for their souls?

You may be burdened for your loved ones and that is understandable. What about others, How many people have you met who told you that you are looking well, your looking good.

They know you are a Christian, but You miss the point of telling them that they need to be Born Again. I Know it's hard.

How long does a person have to be in our company before we can pluck up the courage to tell them off **JESUS?**

Do they even realise we are God's. There is a verse in Psalm 142 a man is crying out for someone who really cares, Verse 1 says.

I cry out to the Lord with my voice. RIGHT. And v4 says.

Look on my right hand and see, For there is no one who acknowledges me; Refuge has failed me; No one cares for my soul. Amen To Know God You have to **keep in touch with Him**

Many Christians associate touching the hem of His garment with the little woman who suffered from haemorrhaging, her issue with her loss of blood. But she wasn't the only one who touched the hem of His garment. In our opening text in Matthew Ch 14.v35-36. many touched it and were made perfectly well. Many touched the hem of His garment

Here is 35-36 again. *And when the men of that place recognised Him, they sent out into all that surrounding region, brought to Him all who were sick, 36 and begged Him that they might only touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched it were made perfectly well. Amen.*

B&S Here is a portion of scripture where many people had a need. Is it any different today? No it is no different today, our streets are filled with people who have needs. We as Christians can see the need of others more than they can, more than the person who needs it. People need to be brought to know the Lord, we can be concerned about their health and physical condition, their mental stability, their habits and attitudes more than their soul which takes priority over all those.

And that is easy to understand, no one likes to be sick or suffer physically or mentally and it seems that many want to be delivered from their infirmity, but want nothing to do with the Deliverer. What is the real need for the lost? How does this portion of scripture answer that? Well first of all they were sick. Our neighbours may be decent people and respectable, living quietly, keeping themselves to themselves. Not all of them are drunks and spectacles, many are living upright lives.

But everyone of them who are unsaved are gripped by the disease of sin. They don't see themselves that way, they walk and talk and feel healthy and fit and alive. But God actually sees them as dead, alive to the world, but dead to Christ.

A man in Luke Ch 11 had leprosy and he came to Jesus saying.

Lord if You are willing, You can make me clean. Now what do you think, is the Lord willing to make him clean? Will the Lord make him clean? Yes He is willing, but the difference is B&S this man knew he had a need that only **Jesus** could meet, and the man also was willing to let **Jesus** do whatever was needed.

And unless those people recognise that they also need the Lord they won't come to Him. Verse 36 says *they begged Him that they might touch the hem of His garment. Amen*

Unless people are willing to come to the Lord their sickness of sin will remain and will have it's consequences sometime later at their end. For the wages of sin is death. They may be feeling great, happy, healthy, strong and enjoying life, but **Pay Day** is coming and they will collect their wages. What is it going to be Death or life. In Deuteronomy Ch30v19 says.

I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both you and your seed may live:!

The unsaved can't see or understand what the Christian sees and understands. The unsaved first need is to be made perfectly whole through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. I read once that every time the hand of the clock registers one minute, 83 people die in a lost condition. I don't know if that is fact, but I did read it. People are dying every day without Jesus and without hope. I want to encourage you people here to become a praying people, not just for your own nearest and dearest, but for those unsaved people you meet everyday.

Pray for the lost. If we really have a passion for souls, how will such a passion be seen? By keeping in touch with Him and become really concerned to make the **Lord Jesus Christ** known to others, acting as the men and women in our opening text did. When the men of that place had knowledge of Him, they sent out word. It was CT Studd who gave the following advice to the missionaries in Africa ***He said.***

Get the simple gospel preached throughout the whole of your district; make it known that every soul knows the Way of Salvation and has a fair chance of being saved. Amen

B&S Church is not all about happy clappy meetings, it is not about feeding ourselves, a fisherman is not contented fishing, he has to catch some fish. And you and I must not be content simply telling others of the Saviours Love, we must pray and seek His grace to bring them to **Christ**. A Paralytic was brought to **Jesus** carried by 4 men. Sometimes one witnessing on their own is not enough. Are we comfortable in our own little church 3/4 Empty? No headaches, all praying for ourselves and our own families. Lord Bless me and my 4 and no more.

B&S I am not saying it's right to plead and beg with the Lord.

For the Lord Himself would rather you had faith. But the men of this town begged Him on behalf of their sick if He would just let them touch the hem of His garment. You see there is faith, they knew if the lame, the blind, the mute, could touch His garment, that would be enough to meet their need.

And did **Jesus** allow them? Yes of course He did.

It says and as many that touched were made whole. Amen
The meaning of the word beg here B&S is, they didn't beg, they Prayed, they asked Him, they recognised Him, they acknowledged Him. A true passion for souls will show itself in persistent prayer for salvation.

In prayer we become channels for the Holy Spirit to work through. B&S Those people became evangelists to their own people, they sent out word to all that country around about them They were home evangelists .

In Acts Ch 1v8 it says. *But you will receive power when the Holy Ghost comes upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Amen* So where did they begin? In their own homeland Jerusalem. If by God's grace and with His help we will seek others and bring them to know Him in answer to your prayers. They will be brought into a relationship with Him, and He will make them not better, but perfectly whole. Remember He said that He would build His church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. When we come to His house for a meeting with Him, and keep in touch with Him, keep in mind that He says His House shall be called a house of prayer. If we are here or at home or out doing your own thing, remember to pray for others, keep in touch with Him that your house may be full . Never adapt the attitude, to hack with you Jack as long as I'm all right Keep In Touch With Him. Amen. **END**

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It's all about being obedient

My mind tonight was thinking back to twenty one years ago. A top paramilitary leader came to me. His wife was just out of the Royal Victoria Hospital after seeing a specialist regarding her eyesight. She was diagnosed with Glaucoma and told she would be completely blind within a year. This burdened me, i prayed much for her. Then i sensed the Lord telling me to go to the Paramilitary Leader and tell him his wife would not go blind. I wrestled with this for some time, I thought it was my imagination, simply because it was what i wanted the Lord to do for her. I knew the specialist's diagnoses was right, and who am I to go against such professional people. A miracle was needed. But i couldn't shake it out of my head to go and approach this man, I was nervous and confused However i did go and approached him and said.

Please don't think me some kind of nut, or one that hears the voice of God, I am not a person who would say God told me this or God told me that. I can't stand those kind of people. But i have this voice in my head to tell you, your wife will not go blind, no matter what the professors said. That was 21 years ago, his wife never did go blind. I didn't like going to him and telling him, but i did and i am glad i did.

It's all about being obedient..

Both of them committed their life to serving the Lord and He became a Pastor.

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Will We Accept His love

*To everyone He was just a friend A man who cared for others
He walked with men from every race And treated them as brothers
When men fell sick He cured their ills He loved them, every one
And yet He knew He had to die Before His work was done
His Father placed Him on the earth To cleanse the sins of man
And at a town called Bethlehem The Saviours work began
Through all the lands of sun and sand He laboured day by day
Healing deadly sickness And washing sins away
But men of sin denounced the Lamb Not knowing of their loss
Took Jesus off to Calvary And nailed Him to a cross
Did Jesus in His agony Give up His life in vain
Or will one day, all mankind on earth
Accept His love again*

By Jim Smyth

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