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TOUCHING THE HEM IN FAITH

Do you remember the story of the sick woman with an issue of blood? She had faith as she pressed through the crowd. She believed if she could but touch the hem of Jesus' garment, she would be healed. It was her point of contact. Healing virtue (power) flowed from Jesus and healed her according to her faith. (Matthew 9:20-22.)

This occurred on a very large scale in Matthew 14:34-36. Peter had just walked on water with Jesus. They then landed ashore at Gennesaret. News of Jesus' arrival spread quickly and the people (vs. 35b) ***"brought unto him all that were diseased."***

Then a mass miracle occurred in verse 3. It said, ***"And besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment. And as many as touched (it) were made perfectly whole."*** Once again, it was their faith that made them whole. It pulled the healing anointing from Jesus with this faith-filled point of contact.

A point of contact often plays a significant role in receiving from God (Jesus), although that is not always the case. Jesus anointed the eyes of a blind man. He often touched someone for healing.

Paul imparted a spiritual gift to Timothy by laying on of hands (2 Timothy 1:6). In James 5:14, the church is instructed to pray for the sick by anointing them with oil, which requires a point of contact.

How can that apply to us? We may lay hands on people as led by the Holy Ghost, for healing, impartations, or any answer to prayer. However, we may also spiritually touch the hem of Jesus' garment at his throne of grace as we enter into his heavenly court. This is described in Psalm 100:4 to ***"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise..."***

That is how we may dwell ***"in the secret place of the Most High."*** (Psalm 91:1.) It is where we touch the hem of his glorious garment.