



Have You Touched the Hem of Him?

Mark 5:21-34

I See Four Truths From This Story

#1 Whether You Are a Christian or Not, Difficulties Are Part of Your Life!

- Christians Go Through Life With Difficulties as Non-Christians Do!
- The great Apostle Paul had difficulties that the Lord did not remove from his life even though he asked him to! (Let God have his way)

... Therefore in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it from me. But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." 2 Cor.12:7-9

Ever wonder why golf balls have dimples?

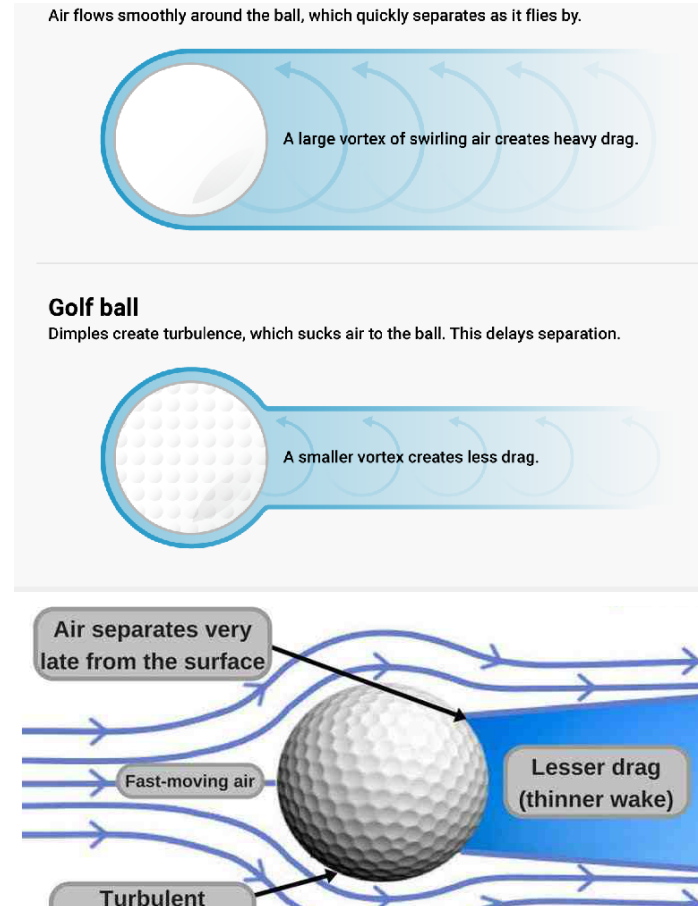


The Dimples Cause Turbulence That Makes the Ball Travel Farther! (Less Drag on the Ball)

If our lives were totally smooth, we wouldn't travel as far!

So a few rough edges and rough experiences will take us spiritually further in life;
Romans 5:3-5

And God promises to be with us on the rough side of our journey; Matt 28:20



- The crowd was pushing and shoving to see “Jesus the Miracle Worker” (Luke 8:42, the crowd almost suffocated/crushed Him) “Spectators”
- In the midst of the crowd was a woman who was quietly trying to get close enough to Him with her own personal problems, believing that if she could just touch his clothes she would be healed
- Her touch was a different one from the crowds. Her reason to be there was different

#2 Jesus Distinguishes Between Casual Contact and a Faithful Touch/Encounter With Him

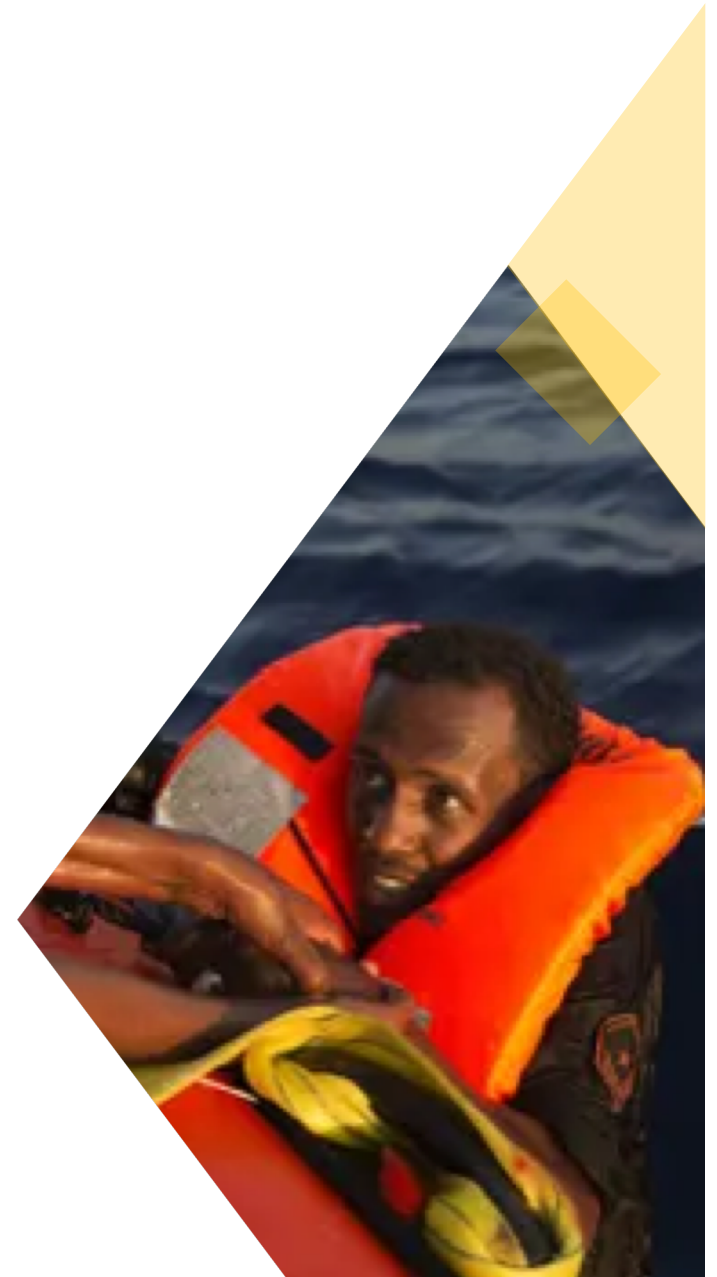


What's Your Reason to be in the Jesus Crowd?

- Many come to church today/Jesus but halfheartedly as “Spectators”
- It has become part of our “weekly routine,” not a life-changing encounter
- We “casually” touch Jesus with our prayers and our songs
- We “casually” touch Jesus with our love offerings
- Then we go back to “our regularly scheduled program in progress”

But Shouldn't a Christian Grab Hold to Jesus Like a Life Jacket? Matt. 5:6

**Knowing What We Know
About Our Lives!**



#3 Jesus Pays Personally for Every Spiritual Transaction

When she heard about Him she came up behind Him in the crowd and touched His cloak, because she thought, “If I just touch His clothes I will be healed. Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was free from the suffering. At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from Him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, “Who touched my clothes?”” Mark 5:30

- He literally felt His healing power move out of His body to stop this woman from bleeding
- This tells me that when Jesus healed people, He felt it!
- When power flowed from Him to the blind man in John 9, He felt it!
- When power flowed from Him to Lazarus’ tomb in John 11, He felt it!

When Jesus Went to the Cross for Us It Cost Him!

- The “ultimate miracle” was when Jesus went to the cross to take our sins upon Himself. **AND IT COST HIM SOMETHING!**

“But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement of our peace was upon Him; And with His stripes we are healed.” Isaiah 53:5

- The payment for our sins caused Jesus to be “alienated” from His Father. Sin is a “serious disorder!” Christ paid the price!

“My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me” Matt 27:46

- In Healing this woman’s sickness, it cost Jesus something
- We ought to be serious about our, “sin-sickness” because of its cost! Romans 5:6-8 *“When we were yet without ...”*

#4 Jesus Wants A Confession From Us!

- When Jesus asked the question to the crowd, “who touched my clothes,” He wasn’t asking for information
- He knew immediately that this woman had touched Him and had been healed of her sickness (God knew what He’d done)
- Compassionately, He was giving her the opportunity to announce what she had just experienced
- Seemingly, if He *hadn’t* asked her to “testify,” she would have been content to just slip back anonymously into the crowd
- If she wanted to be a “closet believer,” she needed to know that Jesus had “higher expectations” of her. Be more than a “closet Christian.” Frame your experiences in a spiritual light

Matthew 10:32-33

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I also confess before my father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my father which is in heaven

- So, the woman came forward, knelt before Jesus, amongst this crowd, and told her story
- One of our main “hesitancies” today is withholding our story of New Testament Christianity to our acquaintances and friends
- This woman’s faith in Christ was confirmed, as she explained to the crowd what happened to her. That’s what Jesus wanted from her, and that is what He wants from us.
- To just be willing to testify what made you change your life, may make the difference in the faith of “YOUR CROWD” too!

The Plan of Salvation

Hear the Gospel

Acts 15:7

Believe the Gospel

Acts 15:7

Repent of Sins

Acts 17:30

Confess Christ

Acts 8:37

Be Baptized

Acts 8:38

