

## ***Week of November 4, 2007***

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### **Monday**

Luke 8:45 And Jesus said, "Who is the one who touched Me?" ... Peter said, "Master, the multitudes are crowding and pressing upon You."

Remember, Jesus has time for you. Yes, God is involved in multiple issues of the world, but this woman's plight reminds us that He still has time for individual concerns and problems. God is vast enough that one person's need neither dominates His attention nor robs another of His care. He does not have more important things to deal with than you. Take your cares to Jesus. He is still touchable. He is still in touch with your need.

### **Tuesday**

1Pet. 5:7 casting all your anxiety upon Him, because He cares for you.

Anxiety is always a test of faith. Whatever its source, whatever the need, anxious thoughts reveal a lack of faith. Cast your cares upon Jesus. He cares for you. It is the testimony of the cross. Do you imagine that you can trust Him there, with your eternal soul, but not trust Him in the daily issues of life? Cast your cares upon Him. He cares for you. Decide now, again, that you will trust Jesus. He is trustworthy. You know it. Depend upon it! Put away your anxiety and build your faith.

### **Wednesday**

Luke 8:48 And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace."

The little words, though often unnoticed, are perhaps the most important: "go in peace." How often we would be at peace, if only we truly deeply believed. If we would believe that Jesus cares and loves, as He promises to, peace would reign. If we believed, as we profess, that God is in complete control—that he always does that which is best, fear would flee. Health is passing. Situations are changing. Circumstances are fluid. Peace of mind, of heart, of soul is healing. Faith makes you well by bringing peace.

### **Thursday**

Prov. 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And do not lean on your own understanding.

God is in control. We admit it and we claim it. But oh, how hard to live it. We all like to "be in control." When things are calm and clear, we deceive ourselves into *thinking that we are* controlling our lives (and doing a good job of it). But we are not in control, and fooling ourselves into thinking it is so only makes it more difficult to trust the Lord when things are not 'going our way.' Acknowledge God's sovereignty in all matters of life. Then trust in Him. Hopelessness fades when we fully rest and trust in His sovereign plan.

### **Friday**

Deut. 5:15 'And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out of there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm.

Do you remember? Do you remember to remember the great things that God has done for you? Actively, purposely remembering the intervention of God in your life builds faith for today and for the future. Did you notice the places God showed up for you last week? On your last trip? In your last trial? Remember! Now remember that God, who was faithful in the past, is still faithful today. Remember. Focus. Be intentional in your memory. Celebrate God's past faithfulness to you and you will build your faith in Him.