


Jesus' Way with People

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- Stop
 - See
 - Ask
 - Touch
 - Declare

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Stop

The first outpouring of love

Stop

Stop for the outsider and marginalized.

- When Jesus **reached the spot, he looked up** and said to him, “Zacchaeus...I must stay at your house today (Lk 19:10)



Stop

Stop for the needy

- And **Jesus stopped** and commanded him to be brought to him.. Lk 18:35



Lk 18:35-41 – Blind beggar on the roadside on the way to Jericho

Stop

Stop and be a neighbor

- As a priest was going down the same road...he **passed by** on the other side. So too, a Levite **passed by** on the other side.
- But a Samaritan, as he traveled, **came where the man was...He went to him** and bandaged his wounds.. Lk 10:31



See

The second outpouring of love

See

See the hidden people

- As he went along, **he saw a man** blind from birth. (Jn 9:1)



See

See the heart inside

- He turned toward the woman and said to Simon, “**Do you see this woman...?** (Lk 7:43)



Jesus at Simon the Pharisee's house, woman with alabaster jar of perfume, wiped his feet with her hair

See

See the hurting image of the divine

- Lord, when did **we see you** hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison...? (MT 24:44)



Jesus at Simon the Pharisee's house, woman with alabaster jar of perfume, wiped his feet with her hair

Ask

The third outpouring of love

Ask

Ask to reveal the deep places of the heart

- “Where are your accusers?”
(Jn 8:10)



Jn 8:1-10 - Woman caught in adultery at the temple courts

Ask

Ask the whole person, past and present.

- Go, call your husband, and come here. (Jn 4:15)



Ask

Ask to reveal intention and faith

- What do you want me to do for you? Lk 18:35-41



Touch

The fourth outpouring of love

Touch

Touch the sick and elderly

- Mt 8:15, Mk 1:31 **He touched her hand**, taking her by the hand, and the fever left her. And she got up.



Touch

Touch those whom others wouldn't

- A leper bowed down before Him... **Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him.** (Mt 8:3)



Touch

Touch reveals humanity more clearly
than words

“I see people; they look like
trees walking around”
Once more Jesus put his
hands on the man’s eyes.
His eyes were
opened...and he saw
everything clearly. (Mk
8:23)



Declare

The fifth outpouring of love

Declare

- **Take up your mat** and walk (Jn 5:8)
- **Go and leave** your life of sin (Jn 8:11)
- Jesus said, “**Come**”. Then Peter got down out of the boat , walked on water and came to Jesus (MT 14:29)
- **Come, follow** me and I will make you fishers of men. At once they left their nets (MT 4:18-20)
- In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, **get up and walk!** (Acts 3:6)



It is enough for students to be like their teacher (Mt 10:24)

What we can do

- Stop
 - Stop and be a friend. Tune out the world. Don't just meet. Take the time to be together. Sit inside their home. Walk. Notice. Share. Laugh. Honor. Value.
- See
 - See the person within. God's creation. His handiwork. A soul is a jewel. See the dignity, unique individuality, irreplaceable value.
- Ask
 - Ask to know deeply. When did you first..? For how long were you..? How are you now? What do you have fears about...? What do you need, want, most? Who is the "you" at your center? What part of you is hiding, wounded, dead?
- Touch
 - Touch is compassion, connection. An understanding and knowing look, A confident smile. A touch on the hand. An arm on the shoulder, A lingering embrace. A gift placed in one's hand
- Declare
 - Declare a vision. Get up, go..., You can be..., I see in you..., Leave this place..., Come with me..., Be of good cheer. Take courage. You can do this.

God's Spirit works through us for healing, growth and new life

What God's Spirit does

- Stop
 - First step for connection to the Spirit. Establishing the priority of a person is the first outpouring of love. Stopping makes a neighbor. We come into a person's life as Jesus came into ours. **Stopping opens the door to seeing.**
- See
 - Seeing dignifies and validates the person. This is the second outpouring of love. Unless a person is seen they can't be understood. **Seeing shows what to ask**
- Ask
 - Questions bring the deep and dark places of the heart into the light. Questions allow knowing. Knowing allows intimacy. Questions reveal the hurt with intent to heal. This is the third outpouring of love. **Asking reveals where to touch.**
- Touch
 - Touch unifies, bonds, comforts. Touch transmits togetherness, compassion and connection. Spirit flows through touch. This is the fourth outpouring of love. **Touch reveals what to declare.**
- Declare
 - Declarations create new outcomes. When combined with faith, declarations become prophecies. Declarations impart faith, catalyze action, expose the truth, crystalize sincerity, transfer ownership of responsibility. **Declaring completes faith in action.** This is the fifth outpouring of love.

Remember it is
Jesus who saves

For the Son of
Man came to
seek and save
that which was
lost (Lk 19:10)



We
participate

Christ reconciled the world
to himself...entrusting to us
the message of
reconciliation. So we are
ambassadors for Christ,
God making his appeal
through us. 2 Cor 5:19

Remember it is Jesus who heals

He was pierced for
our offenses and
crushed for our
iniquity; the
punishment that
made us whole fell
upon him, and by his
bruises we have been
healed. (Is 53:5)



We are his
hands, eyes,
and mouth

“...where I am, my servant
also will be. My Father will
honor the one who serves
me. (Jn 12:23)