

## **"Tiny Touches"**

Mark 5:21-43

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So, here are the Potatoes in their Casserole Car on the way to the beach for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July week! They started very early in the morning because it is a long trip! The car is packed full! Polly and Haman are asleep in the back.

Many, many hours later, as the trip wore on and on, and Polly and Haman had been awake and were getting bored, Haman had an idea. "I think I will tease Polly, that will be fun." Do you think this is a good idea? So Haman reached out his hand and reached but didn't really touch Polly, but his hand was very close to her.



Polly looked at Haman and she thought "I will just ignore him. I will look out the window instead." And she did. But Haman continued to "almost" touch her. And Polly found it harder and harder to ignore Haman and finally Polly just screamed out "Stop it! Haman, stop it!"

And do you know what Haman did? He actually touched her in the arm, 3 times!

"Well, well, well!" said their father. "Do you want me to stop this car and come back there?" Polly stopped crying and Haman stopped teasing.

After the air calmed down a bit, Mrs. Potato Head reached over and patted Mr. Potato as he drove. That tiny touch was a quiet way of saying "You are doing good job driving and I support you and I love you."

Little tiny touches can say a whole lot. This happened to Jesus too. One day when he was in a big crowd of people and they were bumping all around him, Jesus stopped and said "Who just touched my clothes?"

And his disciples said something like “Well, well, well. There are like 100 people all trying to get your attention. I guess a LOT of people are touching you!”

Jesus looked around and saw a woman who had crept up to touch just the corner of his cloak. You see, this woman had been sick for many years and spent all her money on doctors and she was still sick, for years. She believed in Jesus as a Man of God so she thought “If I just touch his cloak, I will be healed. But everyone hates a dirty, sick woman, so I must touch Jesus in secret.” So she dared to touch him. And she immediately felt healed!

And instead of scolding her or shouting at her, Jesus loved the woman and said “Go in Peace and be healed!”

Tiny little touches can be amazing!

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