

He Took the Blind Man

by the Hand...

Mark 8:23

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Every aspect of our Savior is wonderful – His love, compassion, life and death and resurrection. Even things normally considered trivial are wonderful – His head, feet and clothes. One wonderful aspect of the Lord Jesus is His hands.

THEY ARE HANDS OF CONCERN.

Mark 8:23 says, “And He took the blind man by the hand.” Regardless of the unconcern of society around Him, Jesus reached out to those with disabilities. His concern was color-blind; it looked beyond “race.” His concern was disability-blind; it looked beyond handicapping conditions. We sometimes need to ask ourselves, “When is the last time I have reached out to others?” Could it be said of me that I have taken a blind, or deaf, or otherwise disabled person by the hand?



This same “hand-concern” is seen when Peter was sinking beneath the waves - “And immediately Jesus stretched forth His hand, and caught him...” (Matthew 14:31). And, it can be seen in Revelation 1:16 and 1:20, where the Son of God holds, with loving care, the angels (messengers, perhaps pastors) of the churches in His own right hand.

THE HANDS OF OUR LORD ARE HANDS OF LEADERSHIP

Mark 8:23 says, “He took the blind man by the hand, and led him...” Oh, how our King desires to lead every blind man – and woman. The ones that can see, too. Psalm 136:12 tells us that God led the people of God out of Egypt “with a strong hand, and



Connie Lindsey holds her daughter, Stacie

with an outstretched arm.” This is not a “far-off leadership” in which he walks far ahead and yells back to us to follow, but a side-by-side leadership of holding hands.

THE HANDS OF CHRIST ARE HANDS OF A SAVIOR

To mock our Lord's leadership the ancient soldiers put a reed in his hand: “And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand...” “Some scepter,” they perhaps mocked, “It's nothing but a reed he holds in his hands.”

These same hands would be placed upon a rugged cross and pierced with nails.” Later after the glorious resurrection, the lovely Christ “showed unto them his hands...” John 20:20.” Thomas, who was not present said afterward, “Except I see in his hands the print of the nails...I will not believe.” But believe he did, for Christ said, “Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands” (John 20:27). Thomas' only reply was “My Lord and my God.” And that should be our response, too!

FINALLY, HIS HANDS ARE HANDS OF SECURITY

When we accept Christ Jesus as our Savior and Lord, then Jesus says we are secure forever in His hands: “And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand” (John 10:28).

Thank you, Lord, for reaching out your hand to me.

