

And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

Mark 10:16

Store In My Heart

Isaiah 1:1

The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz concerning Judah and Jerusalem, which he saw during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

This verse gives us insight into the time and place of the writings of Isaiah. In this time before the dispersion of the northern tribes, Isaiah warned Judah to remain faithful to God. While he spoke of other nations, much of his message was rebuke and warning to God's chosen people.

God spoke through Isaiah of the future blessings that awaited those who serve Him, often in prophecies that spoke of both upcoming events and things in the distant future. Many of prophecies found in Isaiah were pointing to Jesus as the Messiah. Jesus and the inspired teachers of the New Testament often referenced the message of Isaiah.



Hold Hands

Dee Bowman

I was thinking awhile back about some simple small, but wise things that can help hold a marriage together. You know what I came up with? When we were dating we held hands. Why did we stop?

Hold hands when you pray—at worship services, too.

Hold hands when you see some special scene.

Hold hands when you're mad.

Hold hands when you're sad.

Hold hands when you walk from the car to the grocery store.

Hold hands when you see the little one sleeping.

Hold hands when you laugh.

Hold hands when you cry.

Hold hands as you walk along life's pathway together.

If you're not doing it—start today. It'll make things better.
Just hold hands

Brother Bowman has a few decades on me to guide his understanding so I will not try to improve on what he has written. I will though, attempt to show why this advice is so useful for all our relationships.

Touching someone gives a physical connection and says in a very simple action, "I am with you." The awareness that one is not alone goes a long way in helping them cope with

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For Our Information

Jimmy Gray still has a swollen knee. He sees the doctor this week.

Joyce Venable had a very rough week.

Adene Gray still has dizziness. She has tests this week.

Brenda Keisler got a shot that is helping her hip some.

Some adjustments to Ruben Keisler's spinal stimulator are beginning to help.

Tonight we start in 1Samuel 15:10.

Wednesday at 7 pm in Galatians 2:15.

Pray for safety, courage & healing.

whatever situation they are facing. It is always comforting to know that we are not alone. From the beginning God purposed that we would be creatures who sought companionship.

Genesis 2:18 *Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."*

While Brother Bowman's advice is presented to those who are married, we need to understand similar action can be helpful in many other situations. Feeling a gentle hand on our shoulder has been a comforting action for most of us at one time or another. A handshake of congratulations is a common practice among most of the folks with which we have been associated. An approving pat on the back has given many of us a lift, even when we may have felt we could have done better. Even those cheek pinches from a distant relative carry a message of care and concern, along with the minor discomfort. Many of us have missed the common actions of touch over the last year or more. I know I saw many, myself included, start for a handshake or hug as we greeted one another. There is little that can be done as a substitute for these gestures.

Touch is a powerful action. Holding the hand of one who is unconscious or in great distress can have a calming affect on both parties. Knowing that we are not alone can do much for our moral. Almost no one ever wants to be completely alone for very long. Anyone who does seek long periods of solitude is often considered as one who is not well.

I must also mention that touch can be a negative in some situations. It can be an indicator that someone is trying to get control. It can be a small action that leads to more intimate actions. In initial interactions with others we need to be cautious about our actions because they may not be comfortable with such closeness. Touch is a very personal interaction.

This is why it helps so much with our relationships. As Brother Bowman indicates with his advice, Holding Hands will help us be better in our marriage. It may also get a few stares or comments from those who see us so close in our public actions. DLH



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