

**But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.”
- Matthew 17:7**

Jesus seeks you

The disciples were terrified up on top of the Mountain during the Transfiguration. They may have said, “Who IS this guy!?! Oh, No, we just heard God’s voice!”

**God said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.
Listen to him!”
- Matthew 17:5**

They may have continued, “Will we survive?! Why were these prophets and pillars of Israel appearing here?! Right in front of US?! What were they doing with Jesus up here?!” Jesus knew the disciples were terrified and bewildered, so he immediately reached out to them to bring assurance. Jesus is doing the same today. He knows we are scared and confused. He knows we need his power, assurance and comfort. So, he is taking the initiative again and again in our daily lives - reaching out to us through prayer, worship and the Word, and our friends and families and ministries here at Trinity. Let Jesus help you. Do you have a concern? Tell an Elder or Deacon, James or I; we will, of course, do all we can.

Incidentally, everybody who has given us, here at Trinity, their phone numbers will be receiving a phone call every week, to check-in-on-you and see how you are doing. Let us know how we can help, pray and support you. I, for one, deeply appreciate these calls, being that it is just me and my trusty dog Diesel alone at home during these times.

Jesus reached out

Jesus made the first move toward the disciples. Remain open to God’s initiatives during these days so you do not miss his moves toward you. God uses many, many avenues to reach out. Examples: the Word, prayer, worship, printed devotional materials and videos; the Touchstone, Trinity website, music, Trinity Facebook and Facebook Live Worship Times on Sundays at 11 am; the Wednesday night Skype meetings at 7 pm, phone calls, notes and a talk across the fence in your backyard (6 feet apart, of course).

Jesus Commanded

Oftentimes, when we are scared, we will hear from Jesus in a commanding tone: “Get Up! Don’t be afraid!” He is not angry; he is just cutting through the fog and the ice of fear that these days are producing in us. He is getting your attention. Your usual attentiveness may not be there, so Jesus is reaching out in a more obvious fashion. Jesus got my attention last week through a heated discussion - “Wow, God just spoke to me through those words!” He got my attention this week through an old man I originally was not paying attention to; I learned a valuable lesson and I started to understand something new about Jesus! **Keep an eye out and keep your ears peeled for Jesus to bring encouragement and assurance to you this week.**