

## God, Touch Our Hearts by John Piper

*Saul also went to his home at Gibeah, and with him went men of valor whose hearts God had touched.* (1 Samuel 10:26)

Just think of what is being said in this verse. *God* touched them. Not a wife. Not a child. Not a parent. Not a counselor. But *God*. *God* touched them.

The One with infinite power in the universe. The One with infinite authority and infinite wisdom and infinite love and infinite goodness and infinite purity and infinite justice. That One touched their heart.

How does the circumference of Jupiter touch the edge of a molecule? Let alone penetrate to its nucleus?

The touch of God is awesome not just because it is God who touches, but also because it is a *touch*. It is a real connection. That it involves the heart is awesome. That it involves God is awesome.

And that it involves an actual touch is awesome.

The valiant men were not just spoken to. They were not just swayed by a divine influence. They were not just seen and known. God, with infinite condescension, touched their heart. God was that close. And they were not consumed.

I love that touch. I want it more and more. For myself and for all of you. I pray that God would touch me anew *with* his glory and *for* this glory. I pray that he would touch us all.

Oh, for the touch of God! If it comes with fire, so be it. If it comes with water, so be it. If it comes with wind, let it come, O God. If it comes with thunder and lightning, let us bow before it.

O Lord, come. Come that close. Burn and soak and blow and crash. Or still and small, come. Come all the way. Touch our hearts.



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Whoever  
believes has  
Eternal  
Life

### Events

TODAY 7th/8th Youth  
Meeting 7 PM  
4/25 Fletcher Maynard  
with Bridges International  
7:15 PM  
4/29 College & Career  
Pasta & Prayer at Dekker's  
7 PM  
4/29 Fellowship Picnic 7

### Give



### Upcoming Events



### Pastors

Gary Hendrix	Stephen Byrd
Charles Fortner	Robert Fisher
Stu Johnston	Bob Prentice
Andy Dunkerton	Michael Lopes

### Service Times

- Sunday School 9:30 am
- Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
- Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm
- Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm

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## Morning Worship

Call to Worship  
Opening Hymn  
Scripture Reading  
Pastoral Prayer  
Offertory

Pastor Andy Dunkerton  
#87 Holy, Holy, Holy  
John 5:19-29, page 890

**When Trials Come**

When trials come, no longer fear, for in the pain our God draws near,  
to fire a faith worth more than gold; and there His faithfulness is told;  
and there His faithfulness is told.

Within the night I know Your peace;  
the breath of God brings strength to me.

And, new each morning, mercy flows as treasures of the darkness grow;  
as treasures of the darkness grow.

I turn to wisdom not my own, for ev'ry battle You have known.

My confidence will rest in You; Your love endures, Your ways are good;  
Your love endures, Your ways are good.

When I am weary with the cost, I see the triumph of the cross;  
So in its shadow I shall run 'till He completes the work begun;  
'till He completes the work begun.

One day all things will be made new; I'll see the hope You called me to.  
And in Your Kingdom paved with gold I'll praise Your faithfulness of old;  
I'll praise Your faithfulness of old.

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**Preparatory**

**Lord, I Need You**

Lord, I come, I confess, bowing here, I find my rest.  
Without You I fall apart. You're the One that guides my heart.

**(Chorus) Lord, I need You, oh I need You. Every hour I need You.  
My one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need You.**

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.

Where grace is found is where You are.

And where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.

**(Chorus)**

Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way.  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay.  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

**(Chorus)**

**You're my one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need You.**

**My one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need You.**

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**Sermon**

**Pastor Gary Hendrix**

## Evening Worship

Call to Worship  
Opening Hymn

Pastor Bob Prentice  
**You Are My King**

I'm forgiven, because You were forsaken. I'm accepted, You were condemned.  
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me because You died and rose again.

**(Chorus)**

**Amazing love, how can it be that You, my King, would die for me?**

**Amazing love, I know it's true, and it's my joy to honor You,**

**in all I do to honor You.**

I'm forgiven, because You were forsaken. I'm accepted, You were condemned.  
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me because You died and rose again.

**(Chorus)**

**(Bridge) You are my King. You are my King.**

Jesus, You are my King. Jesus, You are my King.

**(Chorus 2x)**

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**Scripture Reading**

**2 Samuel 22:47-51, 23:1-7,  
page 275**

**Pastoral Prayer  
Offertory**

**#533 What a Friend We Have in  
Jesus**

**Preparatory**

**Show Us Christ**

Prepare our hearts, O God, help us to receive  
Break the hard and stony ground, help our unbelief  
Plant Your Word down deep in us, cause it to bear fruit  
Open up our ears to hear, lead us in Your truth

**(CHORUS) Show us Christ, show us Christ**

**O God, reveal Your glory**

**Through the preaching of Your Word**

**Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord**

Your Word is living light upon our darkened eyes  
Guards us through temptations, makes the simple wise  
Your Word is food for famished ones, freedom for the slave  
Riches for the needy soul; come, speak to us today **(CHORUS)**

**BRIDGE (3x)**

**Where else can we go, Lord,**

**where else can we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life**

**(CHORUS)**

**Show us Christ, show us Christ**

**Show us Christ, show us Christ**

**O God, reveal Your glory**

**Through the preaching of Your Word**

**Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord**

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**Sermon**

**Pastor Stu Johnston**