

Jesus is Still Mixing Mud

From the beginning of man, God has shaped a fascinating connection with Himself and dirt. Of course, His greatest creative miracle took place when He formed man (Gen 2:7). What this devotional would like to express for consideration is God's methodology for making man a living soul. Scripture states that the Creator of the Universe, first bent down and formed man out of dirt. Then the second, and most dynamic movement was that He bent down, as Langston Hughes declares in his poem *The Creation*, "*like a Mama bending over His baby*," breathed the breath in life into this piece of dirt, and man became a living soul.

The New Testament association with Jesus and dirt takes creative dimension as well. When a woman caught in the act of adultery was brought to Him (John 8), Jesus created a course of deliverance by bending down and writing in the dirt (vs. 6 & 8). Many have made overtures as to what was drawn or written in the synagogue's dirt by Jesus, but suffice it to say that a woman who was sure to die in her sin under the law found deliverance through Jesus and His association with dirt. In the following chapter, Jesus brought forth what many consider to be a creative miracle when He bent down and mixed His DNA with dirt and made clay that was applied to a man who was blind from birth (John 9:6,7).

In life, we feel as though we are not worthy to be touched by Jesus (Rom. 3:23). **But, Jesus never shied away from dirt.** From God touching dirt and creating man, to a blind man's eyes being open by Jesus using His DNA, He is desiring us to understand that He is always prepared to touch us right where we are at. Heaven's greatest miracles have come when He touches our lives, even in our worst situations. Jesus wants to mix, His heart, His love, His life, His DNA with our life, our struggles, our issues, our dirt and create miracles in our lives. Just as we are without one plea, Jesus reaches out to touch us and change our lives. Jesus is still mixing mud.