Sermon preached at Riverton 21 August 2016

**When Jesus saw her, he called out to her… He placed his hands on her.** (Luke 13.12-13)

[1] Jesus sees her – as she really was and could be

Everyone else saw a crippled woman, Jesus saw that her condition did not describe who she was.

Jesus knows who we truly are, what this church really is.

[2] Jesus calls to her – engages directly, declaring freedom.

She probably was acutely embarrassed to be singled out.

Jesus calls to us; we might be surprised that he would even notice us.

[3] Jesus touches her – holiness overcomes impurity.

Law would say do not touch her, but God needs no protection.  
We might think our faults are too much for God to use us – whether as part of Parish Team or not.

God does not need protecting from us!