

## TOUCHED BY GOD

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The past three weeks I have spoken to you about being loved by God, being chosen by God and being blessed by God. We all need to know that we are loved. We need to know that we have been chosen and we all need to be blessed, affirmed and encouraged. But we also have a need of being touched.

I mentioned to you how powerful words can be.

Prov 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue:

Words are powerful; they have a great affect on people, but so does touching. Just as we can bring healing with our words, we can also bring healing with our touch.

Prov 3:27 Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.

Death and life are in the power of the tongue; but there is also power in our hands, to do good or to do evil.

Touching is powerful. It does something not only to our skin but it also affects our heart, our minds and our spirit.

There is power in a human touch. A hand shake, a touch on the shoulder, a pat on the back, little things, can make a big difference in the life of a person who needs to be touched.

Jesus knew that people needed to be touched. They needed to feel the warm embrace of somebody who cared.

Mark 10:13-16 And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

Jesus didn't ignore the children. He didn't just wave at people from a distance. He touched people. He took people in his arms. He put his hands on them and blessed them.

Parents, touch your children. Put your arms around them and let them know how much you love them. Kids, don't stop hugging your parents. Husbands don't stop showing affection to your wives. Wives don't neglect your husbands. As human beings, we have certain needs and one of those needs is meaningful touch.