



“The Power of His Touch” – May 2023

Thoughts to Ponder

1. Jesus touched people and He let people touch Him.
 - a. Touching strengthens relationships. Consider your closest relationship: how has touching served to tighten that bond?
 - b. As relationships begin to sour, the absence of touching becomes more and more evident. Give a personal example of this truth.

2. Touching is the basic way we have of showing others we care.
 - a. Non-affectionate parents tend to raise non-affectionate children. Can you relate to this? If so, why? If not, why not?
 - b. Before and after our worship services, I move around shaking hands, reaching out to people; and there’s a lot of touching. Why?

3. More and more in this texting and twittering society of ours, we’re doing less and less touching.
 - a. Have you noticed that your family members are becoming emotionally distant from each other? Give examples.
 - b. Have you noticed that touching is increasingly reserved for times of great sorrow or great joy? Give examples.

4. The stresses of living are taking a huge toll on our families.
 - a. Young and old alike are “running to live and living to run” with no time to consider relationships with others. Has your life become all about you and your needs and wants?
 - b. Many parents are raising their children to be successful, not caring. Is this evident in your family?
 - c. If your answer to “b” is no, why do you think that’s the case?
 - d. If your answer to “b” is yes, what future price might you pay?

