



Sermon Notes

The Way of Agape Part 15
God's Loving Touch
February 28, 2021

Mankind was made in God's image.

Genesis 1:26

26 Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness..."

"Man was made in the image of God, and nothing will satisfy man but God, in whose image he was made".

Charles Spurgeon

"You were made by God and for God. And until you understand that, life will make no sense".

Rick Warren

Genesis 2:7

7 Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

We need God's touch – He made us that way.

Jeremiah 1:6-9

6 "Alas, Sovereign Lord," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am too young."

7 But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. 8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the Lord.

9 Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put my words in your mouth."

Touch brings connection.

God originated the idea of loving touch.

Out of His perfect Agape love, God reaches to touch us.

God made us to touch and be touched.

Mark 5:21-34

21 When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. 22 Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. 23 He pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." 24 So Jesus went with him. A large crowd followed and pressed around him.



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25 And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. 26 She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. 27 When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, 28 because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." 29 Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

30 At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

31 "You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?'"

32 But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. 33 Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. 34 He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

The woman's faith in Jesus was stronger than the fear of public scorn.

The woman's desire for breakthrough kept her pressing in.

Her desire for breakthrough caused her to reach out in the face of defeat.

When the woman touched Jesus, it didn't make Him unclean, it made her clean!

