



Love Gets Tactile

I. Love is **INTIMATE NOT DISTANT**

- a. Genesis 2:7-23
- b. Psalm 139:13-16

II. Love is **SELF-SACRIFICING NOT SELF-SERVING**

- a. John 1:1-5,14
- b. Isaiah 53:5

III. Love is **LAVISH NOT EXIGUOUS**

- a. Mark 1:40-45
- b. John 13:12-17

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1. How was the love language of physical touch exemplified for you as a child? How has that played an impact on you as an adult?
2. Read: John 1:1-5,14. What are some of the implications of the Word taking on flesh and dwelling among us?
3. Read: Mark 1:40-45. Why was this man so loved and honored by Jesus' touch? (See Leviticus 13) After being cleansed of his leprosy why would Jesus have him offer sacrifices (v.44)?
4. Often love can be felt even more through touch than through words, time spent, gifts or even service. Jesus exemplified this great love when He knelt before His disciples and washed their feet. He took the lowest job in the house and physically touched and washed each of them. How would you respond to Jesus in this moment? Similar to Peter? Why? What is He asking of them when He says to 'wash one another's feet'?
5. There is an extremely high probability that **SOMEONE** you are close to is most energized and receives love through the act of physical touch. Discuss some ways you can show them they are loved this week.
6. Which of the 5 love languages we've studied is most meaningful and fulfilling to you? What about your spouse?