

TAKE HOME SHEET



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Message: Keep in Touch
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Physical touch is weaved into our lives. Think of how it feels when someone touches your hand or gives you a hug. Are you taking time to physically touch/connect with others who could use a healthy touch?

What are your favorite memories that involved physical touch with your loved ones? Next time you are together with a loved one, observe how they respond to a friendly gesture of touch.

If you have been harmed by inappropriate touch, pray for the person who harmed you, and ask God to help you heal from that experience.

When you read scripture, look for situations where God used physical touch to create, build, or strengthen relationships.

A good scripture to help you remember the value of the Five Love Languages is:

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, Love your neighbor as yourself.

Luke 10:27 (NIV)

Strive to love others as God has loved you.....

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.

John 15:9 (NIV)

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NIV – New International Version

MESSAGE NOTES



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Physical touch was a part of God's plan from the very beginning of Creation.

²⁶ God said, "Let US MAKE mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." ²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.
Genesis 1:26-27 (NIV)

We can sense, smooth/bumpy, hot/cold, dry/wet, and even a gentle breeze.

I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.
Romans 7:15 (NIV)

High Tech = Low Connect

In the beginning...there was perfect fellowship between Adam and Eve and their Creator.

The fall of man is a total game-changer. Humanity now lives in a fallen world of disconnects.

The Incarnation: the tactile touch of Christ.

¹⁵ If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.

John 14:15-21 (NIV)

Our love is not just a feeling, it is a choice and an action.

So if we believe that Jesus is:

I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:6 (NIV)

And believe that:

For in him we live and move and have our being....

Acts 17:28 (NIV)

And believe we are:

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

And believe His loving touch can and has restored our body, soul, and spirit....