

Lasting Results Part 6

The Human Touch in a Digital World

Effective Ministry

Key Themes & Summary

1. Effective Ministry Involves People

- Ministry is about real human beings—flesh and blood, not just digital avatars.
- Personal communication is being diminished due to an over-reliance on electronic devices.
- The human touch remains essential to achieving lasting ministry results.

2. Jesus: The Ultimate Human Touch

- Jesus was the Father's human touch to the world.
- Now that He is with the Father, **we** become His human touch—empowered by the Holy Spirit.

3. The Word Builds Faith

- *Romans 10:17* emphasizes faith comes by hearing—especially the Word of Christ.
- We're constantly "preaching"—but the question is: **What are we preaching?**
 - Are we building faith in God or in worldly systems (e.g., devices, media, trends)?
 - Whatever message dominates our hearing is what builds faith (or doubt, fear, worry, etc.).

4. Warning: Becoming More Electronic-Conscious Than God-Conscious

- If we're not careful, technology can drown out God's voice.
- It's essential to stay God-conscious in a world that's growing more tech-dependent.

5. Real-Life Testimony: Ministry in a Grocery Store Crisis

- Layoffs affecting 2500 employees stirred panic and distress.
- I responded with a ministry of peace—preaching and **physically** praying for distressed coworkers.
- Emphasized **balance**:
 - Sensitivity to surroundings (e.g., gender dynamics, presence of cameras).
 - Power of physical prayer and human contact in moments of fear.
 - Use of technology **after** the human touch to maintain support and connection.

6. The Power of the Human Touch

- Cited Jesus' earthly ministry as a model—He touched, healed, comforted.
- Shared verses like *Mark 4:35-41*, *Ephesians 2:14*, and *John 14:1-3* to minister peace.

7. Lasting Results Come Through Balance Final

- Ministry that endures is both present and relevant.
- The power of God is best transmitted **through people**, not just posts or pixels.
- Final encouragement: Let's be His human touch in a tech-driven world.

Call to Action

- **Examine:** What are you preaching in daily life?
- **Engage:** Who around you need the human touch?
- **Pray:** Believe God to be His human touch. Ask for sensitivity to the Spirit, wisdom with technology, and boldness to offer peace in real, tangible ways.

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