

Jesus is Touched

A crucial truth that we all need to understand early enough is the fact that Jesus is touched by our infirmities. I know you might have been in a place or heard someone say, "No one understands, no one can feel what I'm going through." This might draw pity, sympathy, and empathy from others, but this is not a true statement. Jesus understands—more than you can imagine.

Hebrews 4:14-16 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. 15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

- a) Jesus feels and is touched by our infirmities. Jesus, who was and is God, became a man. He was a God-man. Jesus knows all our weaknesses and has been there before. He does not want us to live in that place. He relates to us all the way.
- b) There is no place or temptation we will ever encounter that Jesus has not encountered. The way Jesus was tempted was in the three main areas where all temptation comes. He was tempted in the same way we are, not with the very same things, such as drugs, rebellion, and so forth. All temptation boils down to the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life; 1 John 2:16 "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world." Jesus was tempted in all these areas in Matthew 4.
- c) This is also a leadership principle I see in these passages is you cannot connect until you relate.
- d) In all the temptations Jesus went through, He was still without sin. He did not sin.
- e) Now, since we know that our High Priest Jesus is touched with our infirmities, let us come boldly unto the throne of grace. There we will obtain mercy and grace in the time of need. One of the reasons we come boldly is because we know that Jesus is touched by our infirmities and wills to relieve us.