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Graven upon the palms of his hands

- Isaiah 49:16
 - "But Zion said, The Lord hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me.

Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.

Behold, *I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands*; thy walls are continually before me."

- We may feel forgotten but the Lord does not forget us
- Symbolism:
 - Reference to the cross and the prints of the nails in His hands
 - The palms of our hands are something we know intimately they are continually before us

The Savior taught multitudes but He Ministered One by One

Came forth One by One

- 3 Nephi 11:15
 - "And it came to pass that the multitude went forth, and thrust their hands into his side, and did feel the *prints of the nails in his hands* and in his feet; and this *they did do, going forth one by one* until they had all gone forth, and did see with their eyes and did feel with

their hands, and did know of a surety and did bear record, that it was he, of whom it was written by the prophets, that should come."

- The Savior ministered to them one by one
- Did feel the prints of the nails pointing back to Isaiah 49:16
 - The

Ministered to the Children One by One

- 3 Nephi 17:21
 - " And when he had said these words, he wept, and the multitude bare record of it, and he took their little children, one by one, and blessed them, and prayed unto the Father for them."

He "put forth his hand"

- Thomas S Monson
 - "Not only by precept did Jesus teach, but also by example. He was faithful to his divine mission. He stretched forth his hand that others might be lifted toward God." ("With Hand and Heart", Jan 1995 Ensign https://www.lds.org/ensign/1995/01/with-hand-and-heart?lang=eng)
 - Matt 8:2-3
 "Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.
 And Jesus put **forth his hand**, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed"

Examples of the Savior's ministry

- Luke 18:35-43
 Blind man who cried "Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me
- Mark 1:31
- Mark 5:23
- Luke 8:49–50, 52, 54–55

Ministering as the Savior Did

New Members

Moroni 6:4

"And after they had been received unto baptism, and were wrought upon and cleansed by the power of the Holy Ghost, *they were numbered* among the people of the church of Christ; and their names

were taken, that they might **be remembered** and **nourished by the good word of God**, to keep them in the right way, to **keep them continually watchful unto prayer**, relying alone upon the merits of Christ, who was the author and the finisher of their faith."

Home Teaching

• D&C 20:47

"And visit the house of each member, and exhort them to pray vocally and in secret and attend to all family duties."

Hands that hang down and the feeble knees

D&C 20:47

"Wherefore, be faithful; stand in the office which I have appointed unto you; succor the weak, lift up the hands which hang down, and strengthen the feeble knees."

• Hebrews 12:12-13

"Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;

Ministering to Others

- Church video: "Minister to Others"
 - "This is the real purpose of ministering: To help others become true followers of the Savior Jesus Christ"

Ministering is a work of Love

- Moroni 7:48
 - "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, pray unto the Father with all the energy of heart, that ye may be filled with this love, which he hath bestowed upon all who are true followers of his Son, Jesus Christ; "
 - Moroni referring to Charity
- John 13:34-35
 - "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.
 - By this shall all men know that *ye are my disciples, if ye have love* one to another."