

## God's Love=Quality Time

Lifeline 1/24/2007

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Last week we learned how God shows his love for us through words of affirmation.

This week we will look at a second way God loves us: Quality Time.

In groups of 5-6 define what the word "quality" means to you guys.

List an example of two of what it means to have "quality time" with someone.

#### Characteristics of Quality Time

- It is giving someone your undivided attention.
- Requires sacrifice on the givers part.
- Focuses more on the person than what is actually going on.

#### How Do I know if Quality Time is my language?

- Would rather have a few really good friends than a lot of okay friends.
- Complain about people not having time for you.
- Feel loved when someone spends time devoted just for you.
- It takes you a longer period of time to get to know someone or something.
- You don't make friends quickly.
- You equate your worth with how much time someone spends with you.

#### Examples of God's Quality Time for Humans

- Genesis 2 and 3 (Walking and talking with Adam and Eve in the Garden.)
- Genesis 12-24 and James 2.23 (God with Abraham)
- Exodus 13.21-22 (God with the Israelites)
- Luke 10.38-42 (Mary sitting at Jesus' feet)
- John 3 (Story of Nicodemus)
- John 4 (Story of Woman at the well)
- John 14.25-27
- John 15.14-15 (We can be Jesus' friend)

#### How to cultivate and receive this love

1. Join a small group on Sunday nights.
2. Create extended time to be with God.
3. Give God you undivided attention, you already have his.

God's invitation=James 4.8

Last Thought=God is the creator of all things including time. Therefore, God is not bound by time and has all the time in the world, literally, to give you and offering that this evening. Will you accept?

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As part of this week's lesson we looked at two clips from different movies. The first clip is from the movie *Mystery, Alaska*. This movie is a story based on a group of men in Mystery Alaska that invites the NHL New York Rangers team to play them in a hockey game in Alaska. The whole town rallies around their team and builds an outdoor stadium to accommodate the game. The clip we watched is from approximately 1:17:54 into the movie until 1:19:53 in the movie. It is a scene where the main actor, played by Russell Crowe, is sitting at the table where he is crossing out certain words in the Dear Abby column of the newspaper. His wife comes into the kitchen and jokes about what he is doing until he tells her to read what is left. It was his way of using words of affirmation to show love for his wife. This serves as a great reminder of what we talked about and learned last week. See *The Way God Loves You 2* for a complete idea of what we discussed the week prior.

The second video clip came from the movie *Shadowlands*. This is a movie concerning the Christian author and man C.S. "Jack" Lewis. Once again we pick up the movie in the end around 1:29:48 until 1:30:25. This is where Jack finds some good news concerning his wife who is battling cancer, eventually she loses that battle. It is a very short clip that talks about why we pray and the good it does. This is a visual application of number 2 in "How to cultivate and receive this love" section of tonight's lesson. It shows the value of prayer which someone whose love language is quality time will find extremely important.

Explanation of the "last thought" part of tonight's lesson. The idea here is when someone creates anything they are not, normally, bound by the same things the creation is. In Genesis we find that God is the creator of everything including time and when he interacts with humans it comes into "time" to do it. However, unlike us God is not restricted by time because he created it and therefore has all the time, literally, in the world for us. The question will always be whether or not we have time for him.

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