



Sermon Notes

The Way of Agape Part 12
Quality Time
February 7, 2021

Quality Time: Time spent in giving another person one's undivided attention in order to strengthen a relationship.

The focus of our attention reveals our priority.

God originated the idea of quality time.

Out of His perfect Agape love, God gives us His time and undivided attention.

"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us."

Augustine

John 3:16

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 Amplified Bible

16 "For God so [greatly] loved and dearly prized the world...

God loves us, and wants to spend time with us.

Psalm 8:3-4

*3 When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,
4 what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?*

God made us for quality time with Him.

Jeremiah 31:3

*3 ...I have loved you with an everlasting love;
I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.*

Genesis 2:25

25 Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

"There is a God shaped vacuum in the heart of every man which cannot be filled by any created thing, but only by God, the Creator, made known through Jesus."

Blaise Pascal



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Genesis 3:6-13

6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?"

10 He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

11 And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

12 The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

When sin entered the world – shame entered too.

Psychology Today: "shame is an emotion in which the self is perceived as defective, unacceptable, or fundamentally damaged."

Because of God's Agape love, He seeks us out.

God provided the solution.

God is willing to break down any barrier standing in the way of intimacy with Him!

Genesis 3:21

21 The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.

God is willing to sacrifice to restore us to intimacy with Him.

Isaiah 54:4

4 "Do not be afraid; you will not be put to shame.

Do not fear disgrace; you will not be humiliated.

You will forget the shame of your youth

and remember no more the reproach of your widowhood.



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Isaiah 61:7

*7 Instead of your shame
you will receive a double portion,
and instead of disgrace
you will rejoice in your inheritance.
And so you will inherit a double portion in your land,
and everlasting joy will be yours.*

"The fact that God continued to reach out to Adam and all mankind after we rejected Him and brought death into the world should be one of the greatest revelations of His love for mankind!"

