

Love Letters to Abba

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Seeking God's Presence

- a deep hunger
- a thirst for his presence...
- a yearning to be close to him
- a whimper in my soul that cannot be soothed in any other way
- a restlessness, a sense of disconnect ...
- a delicious sense of deepest anticipation of joyous excitement...
- a vibrating of my spirit like a call to intimacy and honesty...

Speaking to God:

- Thanksgiving
- Praise
- Supplication
- Lamentation
- Sweet Fellowship

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- ...I need to be apart...
- disconnected from the day to day.
- To turn off the stuff of the urgent to
- To partake in the stuff of intimacy with my creator
- Like a weary or distressed child I seek refuge and nurture...
- Solitude, seclusion and immersion in God's Word.

- Quite different than the community involvement that is my normal choice of fare. One day a month to be apart from it all at a retreat house.
- God's Word and being in his presence speak into my life...when I allow it to.
- At those times I have found that the stuff of my life has been the stuff of his abundant caring.
- God's Word speaks volumes of love, encouragement, challenge and hope into my life at that time and since...just a few examples...

REMINDER...God's plan for my life is waiting to be revealed as we come to know ourselves and God better. It is not something to be frantically searched for...

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