

GOD PURSUES US; DO WE NOTICE?

God does not observe our lives at a cool distance. He is neither apathetic nor detached. He is on the move in our lives. He is involved.

"Our God is not patiently standing by and waiting for us to offer love; He is actively and vigorously pursuing us..... He is the father running down the trail to embrace the prodigal son even before the boy can speak his act of contrition. He is the mad farmer showering a full day's wage on men who hadn't even worked. He is Jesus forgiving the sinful woman even before she spoke her sorrow. He is the king lavishing a banquet on beggars. These are all symbols of a God whose love for us is so active, so strong, that by human standards He would be, at least, said to be mad."

--ANDREW GREELEY

God is not the sort to casually murmur, "Well, sure I love you." He constantly shows how much.

Consider the impact we would have on our world if we began to pursue God with some of the intensity with which He seeks us!! If we would respond in obedience the instant we discerned the Spirit's prodding. If we, like God, had a passion for holiness. If we would freely pour out our love as He does.

In a day when it's fashionable to appear cool, bored, uncaring, and detached, we can't afford to doubt the enthusiastic, all-encompassing love of God. His compelling love surrounds us every minute. He's in front of us, behind us, relentlessly pouring His love into our lives. What madness! What a passion for our souls! How can we be halfhearted toward our circumstances--towards others--when He loves us so?

May we be found running down the trail to forgive those who offend us.

May we shower our abundance on those who don't deserve it.

May we embrace the sinner before he even speaks his sorrow.

And may we pursue our God with even a fraction of the energy with which He pursues us. May we accept the Love God wants so much to give us which is but a fraction of any human love. May we stop running from and fighting God, acting as if we were God. Invite him to love you, and experience a Miracle?

If you have never realized and would like to learn more about God's Love for you that was poured out on the Cross by Jesus and there for us now because of Christ's resurrection I encourage you to contact a priest or minister at a local Church near you. God Bless You, and have a love filled Christmas.

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