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**Grace Notes Program
SERIES: INTIMACY with GOD
TITLE: Building an intimate relationship
SONGS: CONSIDER THE LILIES
IN THE GARDEN**

**Welcome to 'Grace Notes' brought to you by Sandbek Concert Ministries.
Let's join concert artist and author, Barbara Sandbek as she continues her
series 'INTIMACY WITH GOD' with 'Building an intimate relationship.**

**Thanks for joining the broadcast. We trust these programs are a blessing to
you. Last week we discussed the fact that until we are willing to receive
the gift of Salvation Christ died and rose again to give us, we can not enter
into intimacy with God. But once we do, we'll find that we can have that
one-on-one personal relationship with God that He designed us to have,
and then we'll desire to know Him.**

Today, I'd like to discuss what it takes to BUILD our relationship.

If you LOVE someone you'll want to SPEND time with them.

INTIMACY TAKES TIME to cultivate.

**When Dale and I began our relationship, we were too young to date
and lived too far apart to see each other very often,
so we spent hours and hours on the phone.
(There was no 'call waiting' back then.)**

Nothing else mattered as much as PURSUING our relationship.

**We'd share experiences, opinions, dreams, likes and dislikes;
the things that were important to us.**

**Communicating like this, uninterrupted, was the perfect way to for us
to get to know each other.**

There were no distractions, even visual, to get in the way of hearing our words and assimilating them.

(except for mom, who would occasionally holler...

“Are you still on that phone?”)

What were we doing?

We were building our relationship through a CONCENTRATED effort to learn what made each other tick.

The point is - this is how God wants us to seek to know Him; with undivided attention so we can take in everything He wants us to hear and digest it.

He wants us to share our dreams, goals and feelings with him.

When we do, He'll let us know what dreams are good for us and which ones aren't.

In fact, He placed the good desires in us to begin with.

Philippians 2:13 says...

It is God who works in us both to will and to do of His good pleasure.

If it's good to Him, you'd better bet it'll be good for us!

James 4:8 God says...

Draw nigh unto me and I will draw nigh unto you.

******* WRITER: Joel Hemphill**

***** CONSIDER the Lilies *** LENGTH: 3:40**

VERSE 1

Consider the lilies - they toil not or spin

And there's not a King with more splendor than them

Consider the sparrows - they plant not or sow

But they're fed by the Master - Who watches them grow

And...

CHORUS

We have a Heavenly Father above

With eyes full of mercy and a heart filled with love

And He really cares when your head is bowed low

Consider the lilies - and then you will know

VERSE 2

May I introduce you to this friend of mine

Who hangs out the stars - and tells the sun where to shine

And kisses the flowers each morning with dew

But He's not too busy to care about you

Cause...

(Repeat Chorus)

TAG: Consider the lilies and then you will know

Mary knew what it took to have intimate relationship with Christ.

Remember the story?

Jesus was coming for a visit. He probably said, "Nothing fancy, hot dogs and chips will do".

But Martha got out the best china, linens...the works.

She was BUSY doing her thing, while Mary sat at Jesus' feet and listened.

Martha got a bit ticked and complained to Jesus, "Tell her to help".

What did Jesus say? He said that MARY did the RIGHT THING.

The Bible says Mary LEARNED secret things from the Lord because she FOCUSED on Him.

Mary was at the cross, while Martha was probably busy making funeral arrangements.

There are so many relationship stealers.

Satan has many ways to keep us PREOCCUPIED.

I read an Acronym on my email for B U S Y...Being under satan's yoke.

There are a lot of good things to do, but all things are not good for US to do.

I write poetry based on where I am in my life.

For a time, I was caught up DOING. Maybe you are, too.

I've entitled this poem, 'TOO BUSY, LORD'.

TOO BUSY, LORD

by Barbara Sandbek

***Your mercies are new every morning
But I'm just too busy to ask.
Or is it that my mind's not where it belongs?
I'm caught up achieving the tasks.***

***The strength used to do them is my own
'Cause Your help I've not even sought.
I'd do it much better and quicker...with joy
If I'd pray for Your pow'r as I ought.***

***The morning has gone by so quickly.
I thought I'd have found time to pray.
But afternoon crept in and now I'm behind
In the work that I'd planned for the day.***

***The house will soon fill with voices,
I'll be needed for so many things.
I've found I'm not ready to deal with the problems
That each day continually brings.***

***If I'm to be all that I should be
I need to spend more time with YOU
And ask for the strength that You willingly give
To do all the work there's to do.***

***So draw me to You during sunrise.
Do get me up out of my bed.
Make You a part of my morning routine...
TV off and in Your Word instead.***

***For it shows me the Way, Truth and Life
And answers all questions that rise.
Please lure me away from the phone so I'll raise
My voice to YOU in the skies.***

***The time that I spend in Your presence
Will help me a witness to be
And give me the pow'r to live to the fullest
And capture the victory.***

***Thanks precious Lord for Your watchcare.
Thanks for Your tolerance.
Thanks for the way You lovingly prod.
Thanks for deliverance.***

***I know with Your help I can make it
Through all trials that come my way.
Help me do those things that are pleasing to You
As I walk the road of this day.***

It all boils down to the fact that..

We all have time for what we want to have time for.

**Suzanne Wesley, wife of John Wesley, had 19 kids.
She knew the value of a quiet time with the Lord.
She trained her kids so that if they saw her with her apron
pulled up over her head - they were to leave her alone for
5 minutes. She was talking to the Lord.**

If she can find time...we sure can!

Psalm 46:10 says...Be still and KNOW that I am God.

**When I PRAY, I feel it's just GOD & Me...
even though He's CREATOR and SUSTAINER.**

**When's the last time you sought out the Lord like MARY did...
Why not GO to the GARDEN & share your DREAMS with Him?**

******* WRITER: Charles Austin Miles
*** IN THE GARDEN *** LEGNTH: 3:55

***I come to the garden alone
While the dew is still on the roses
And the voice I hear falling on my ear
The Son of God discloses.
Refrain***

*And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.*

*He speaks, and the sound of His voice,
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing.*

Refrain

*I'd stay in the garden with Him
Though the night around me be falling,
But He bids me go; through the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling.*

Refrain

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