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**Grace Notes Program**  
**SERIES: INTIMACY with GOD**  
**TITLE: DO what it takes**  
**SONGS: Stop the Clock**  
**Jesus Lord to Me**

**Welcome to 'Grace Notes' brought to you by Sandbek Concert Ministries. Barbara has been speaking on the subject 'Intimacy with God'. Today she will be concentrating on what it takes to cultivate our relationship. But first, let's listen as she leads us into worship with a song that will set the stage for her words to follow.**

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**\*\* JESUS LORD TO ME \*\*** & Nelson Gregory Allan  
\*\*\*\*\* **LENGTH: 4:00**

***VERSE:***

***If I had seen the sunset on the day that Jesus died  
And felt the glow of the sunrise when the tomb was open wide  
Would I have known Him  
Could I have seen that He was more than just a mans  
He is Lord and King***

***But now I know You – and I can see  
That You are Lord of all  
You are Lord to me.***

***CHORUS (repeat 3 times)***  
***Jesus, Jesus, Lord to me  
Master, Savior, Prince of peace  
Ruler of my heart today  
Jesus, Lord to me.***

**We're so glad you've tuned in to our program.**

**So far in our series we've discussed...**

- the ways God makes Himself known to us**
- Jesus' sacrificial work to make intimacy possible with God**
- and the response we need to make to His Salvation offer.**

**We also stated that it takes TIME to build a relationship.**

**And it takes a concentrated EFFORT, as well, on our part to cultivate that relationship.**

**God intervenes in the affairs of men by invitation only.**

**In Rev. 3:20 Jesus says..**

**Behold I stand at the door and knock.**

**If any man hears my voice and will open the door,**

**I will come into him and will sup with him and he with me.**

**Psalm 34:8 says...O taste and see that the Lord is good.**

**Ever wondered why it didn't say..**

**'O hear and feel that the Lord is good?'**

**Tasting and seeing are the senses that involve commitment;  
unlike hearing and touching which are easily forgotten...**

**(as the saying goes...'In one ear and out the other')**

**When I worked at McCormick Tea Company, I learned that they chose their teas after extensive sampling. The various teas were brewed and then lined up around the edge of a spittoon. The tea testers would take a sip of tea, roll it over the back of their tongues, and then spit it out. They didn't swallow it because this would affect their ability to judge the next sample.**

**True tasting is ingesting - it becomes an unforgettable part of you.**

**We taste of God's goodness when we read His Word and meditate (or chew) on His promises.**

**They say a picture is worth a thousand words.**

**Why?**

**Because what we see paints a permanent picture (or groove) in our brain.**

**We see God's goodness when we choose to believe that He is working all things out for our good and then stop to look for His working in our life.**

**We need to DO WHAT IT TAKES to taste and see the goodness of GOD.**

**While in a concentration camp, Corrie Tamboon read her Bible and prayed in a building infested with fleas. She knew the guards wouldn't bother her there because of the fleas.**

**We certainly don't have those kinds of barriers to deal with.**

**Mark 12:30 says...**

**Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart  
with all thy soul  
and with all they mind  
and with all thy strength.**

**Is this really possible?**

**It must be, or God wouldn't have commanded it.**

**We're the ones who make the barriers.**

**HOW TO LOVE THE LORD**

**by Barbara Sandbek**

***To love the Lord with all your HEART***

***Is hard to do...***

***If you can't choose between the world and things of God.***

***To love the Lord with all your MIND***

***Just cannot be...***

***If your thoughts are fixed on pleasure and material gain.***

***To love the Lord with all your SOUL***

***Is impossible...***

***If your heart and mind are filled with love for passing things.***

***Your heart...your mind...your soul...your all***

***Is what God wants...***

***And you're fulfilled when consecrated to His will.***

***For His heart loves with a love that's far***

***Beyond compare...***

***His mind is focused on your needs and wants.***

***His soul delights in even small deeds***

***Done for Him...***

***His heart...His mind...His soul...His all...He gives to us.***

**In any relationship, there are times when you are very close to each other, and times when you're distant...and I don't mean in a logistical sense.**

**Dale and I have been married for over 40 years. At our 20th year I realized that our relationship bordered on 'just getting along'. We'd been so busy with kids and careers that we had very little time for each other. I often felt lonely even when we were together. I longed for a deeper, more rewarding intimacy.**

**Knowing that God wouldn't want us to part, I sought Him for help. Only He can change hearts. He does it best when we pray, rather than nag, so I asked Him to have Dale make the move. I didn't tell Dale about my prayer.**

**It was close to the date of our wedding anniversary. I wondered if we'd do the same old thing we always did...go out to dinner and have cake at home afterwards. Dale left for work at 7:00 AM. At 10:00 AM the phone rang. It was Dale telling me to pack my bags, we were going away for the weekend! Where? To the place where we first realized we cared for each other. I must say, it felt a bit uncomfortable at first. We hadn't done anything like this for years, but as we started reminiscing about our courtship days, the fire began to glow again in our hearts. We walked the boardwalk, relived memories of the past, bought and consumed all kinds of our favorite foods (forgetting the diet for once), and stayed up almost all night watching old movies, and affirming our love in a new and special way.**

**God knew what it would take to get us back on track as a couple.**

**And He knows just what it takes to restore the joy of your salvation. He's just waiting for you to make the first move this time.**

**I received a letter from a missionary friend that helped me gain a different perspective on how God feels about our relationship with Him.**

**He wrote....**

**It's amazing to see God continues to love and accept me even when I make so many mistakes. I used to think God would love me more if I was obedient and made all the right decisions. The truth is, however, that God doesn't love me any more or less NOW than He did the day He saved me. I can deepen my relationship with God by striving to be obedient and by making more decisions that are divinely guided, but His love for me never changes based on what I do.**

**God can't love us any MORE than He did when He GAVE JESUS for us.**

**He can't love us any LESS either.**

**We can turn off love - He can't.**

**Picture how God must feel when we spurn His love?**

**I'd like to close with a song I wrote depicting how I think God must feel based on what I've felt as a parent.**

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\*\*\* STOP THE CLOCK \*\*\* LENGTH: 3:32  
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*Here comes my boy, my pride and joy  
It's time to play outside.  
I'll go to him, we'll play again  
Until we both are tired.*

*We'll read some books and share some looks  
That only we can know.  
I'll be with him through thick and thin  
And watch my treasure grow.*

*The time goes by so quickly now  
If I could stop the clock somehow  
I'd keep it where my heart is one  
With my boy, my joy, my precious son.*

*Our words grow few, not like we knew  
And when they even start  
They're words that hurt, oh how they hurt  
They cut right to the heart.*

*Where did you go? I miss you so.  
Can't we be friends again?  
I long to hear you want me near  
For then my heart can mend.*

*The time goes by so slowly now  
If I could wind the clock somehow  
I'd turn it back where my heart was one  
With my boy, my joy, my precious son.*

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*Our Father knows, experience shows  
That He has been there, too  
For many times, our heart and mind  
Have turned to something new.*

*We've laid aside, and full of pride  
Forsaken our first love.  
Our words grow few, not like we knew  
As He watches from above.*

*And time goes by so quickly now  
If God would wind the clock somehow  
He'd turn it where our hearts were one  
With his Child, His joy, His precious Son.*

*So go to Him, restore again  
The love that you once knew  
Just take the time and you will find  
He's waiting there for you!*

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**We'll continue our discussion on INTIMACY with GOD.**