

Creative Dates with God

So often we get stuck in simply doing the right thing in our relationship with God. We pray, go to church, we serve, we journal, we worship, and we read our bibles. In our routines we forget that God desires real intimacy with me and you. He wants to romance us and woo us. He wants to take us away with Him and captivate us. He takes delight in me and you.

One of the meanings for "delight" in the original language is "to bend down".

a few verses that reveal God's delight in you: Psalm 18:19, Isaiah 54:5 & 62:4, Hosea 2:14-16, Zephaniah 3:17

Imagine that... *God bending low*... Looking you straight in the eyes, into the depths of your soul.
He wants you. All of you.

He can't take His eyes off you because you are His beloved. In essence, God wants to take you on dates, to win your heart, to make you giddy and excited about being with Him everyday.



Going on dates with God may sound and be a little awkward at first, but give it a try! It can only deepen your relationship with Him, reveal more of His heart for you, and perhaps stoke the fires of genuine passion you hold in your heart for only Him.



Write *love letters* to God. Then, tuck them away in an envelope reserved just for Him.



Celebrate Him with cupcakes or cake {just because!}. Bake something yummy and let Him remind you to *taste & see* that He is good. {Psalm 34:8}



Have *coffee with Jesus*... have you ever made Him a cup too? I know it sounds weird, but just be silly and try it!



Make a list of the *graces and blessings* He's given you. Isaiah 63:7-8 (MSG) reads, "I'll make a list of God's gracious dealings, all the things God has done that need praising, all the generous bounties of God, his great goodness to the family of Israel—Compassion lavished, love extravagant."



Invite Him to your dinner table. Set the table with one extra plate! I've done this and it's profound. Talk to Him as if He is there...because He is!



Sneak away early in the *morning or evening* to catch the sunset or sunrise with Him. Pack a picnic to take along and get ready to pour out your heart and hear His too.



Grab your camera and set out a scavenger hunt to discover Him throughout your day. Go slow. Take notice. Practicing savoring His beauty all around you. Take pictures along the way of all the surprises you find!