

Volume 3, Day 21: Create Space and Time for Them

I have observed how my heart has opened to love the least, the last and the lost when I needed to be loved by other people. I thought that's what we all needed to survive. We naturally look out for the neat people, the people we like, the people that are fun to be with.

When God begins to fill up the space in your heart of love and you're not so busy doing all the things you used to do, you're not running to the busyness to hide anymore. So now you've got space, time and energy in your life available when those who need to be loved, who are at broken places emotionally are going through difficult times. Instead of running from them, you can step in.

Create space in your life to be with those who are broken, hurting, or ignored. Make it a point to spend time with them or including, inviting, loving, and enjoying them. Finally be patient with all of them. I love that phrase from Thessalonians. There's not a single relationship in which a little patience won't go a long way.

No, you don't have to make everybody do what you want. And no, you can't love everybody in your life. But as you're growing trust in father's affection for you, it frees you to love other people around you. You'll know what you need to do. You'll know when to get involved and when you should not. Yes, you can love everyone around you. No, you can't meet every need. You will exhaust yourself if you try. But as this growing trust in Father's affection satisfies you, you'll find you have less need of people. When you don't need for them to do what you want, you're able to love them exactly as God wants.