

# ***CREATIVE QUIET TIMES***

If you've found yourself yawning during devotions – or just eager for a change – you may want to consider the following suggestions for creative intimacy with God.

1. ***Take God out for coffee.*** Find a quiet corner in a café or even McDonald's and meet with God. Take your Bible and a notebook. Grab a cup of coffee and you're set for a heart-to-heart with your very Best Friend.
2. ***Add a spiritual classic to your devotional diet.*** Though nothing should replace the Word of God, Christian books provide delicious and enriching side dishes.
3. ***Put feet to your faith.*** Take a walk with God! Praise him for his handiwork. Listen to the Bible or a sermon on tape. Pray. Your body and spirit will appreciate the workout.
4. ***Journal your journey.*** Keep a spiritual diary. Record thoughts as you meditate on Scripture. Write love notes to the Lord. List prayer requests.
5. ***Come before Him with singing.*** Add music to your devotions. Use a praise tape or sing a cappella. Read a hymn out loud.
6. ***Let faith come by hearing.*** Order tapes from favorite speakers or plan your prayer time around a radio speaker.
7. ***Dig a little deeper.*** A good Bible study will take you beyond just reading the Word. It will help you rightly divide the Word of Truth and apply it.
8. ***All the King's versions.*** It is important to find a Bible translation you understand for your regular devotions. But occasionally read from other versions to get a fresh perspective. Read the text out loud.
9. ***Hide the Word.*** Memorizing Scripture plants the Word of God deep in your heart. Then write down verses on index cards or sticky notes and take them with you to practice.
10. ***Spend a half-day in prayer.*** It may seem impossible, but as you set aside a large portion of time to spend with the Lord, he will meet you there in amazing ways. You'll find a plan for a half-day of prayer in my book's Appendix.

*As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God.*  
PSALMS 42:1

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