

# LOVE LIKE THAT

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## APPROACHABLE

**Watch what God does, and then you do it, like children who learn proper behavior from their parents. Mostly what God does is love you. Keep company with Him and **learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us.** His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of Himself to us. **Love like that.****

*Ephesians 5:1-2*

AFFILIATIVE DRIVE, ASSIMILATION, SOCIAL  
WEBBING, FELLOWSHIP, CONNECTING

THE APPROACHABILITY OF \_\_\_\_\_

### Luke 7:36-50

*"Jesus was the man for \_\_\_\_\_."* Dietrich Bonhoeffer

### Matthew 19:13-15

*"By this time a lot of men and women of doubtful reputation were hanging around Jesus, listening intently. The Pharisees and religious scholars were not pleased, not at all pleased. They growled, 'He takes in sinners and eats meals with them, treating them like old friends.'"*

*Luke 15:1-2*

### Revelation 3:20

WHAT \_\_\_\_\_ US FROM BEING APPROACHABLE?

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*"Pride is our greatest \_\_\_\_\_ and humility our greatest \_\_\_\_\_."*

*John Stott*

### Luke 18:9-14

*"They that know God will be \_\_\_\_\_; they that know themselves cannot be \_\_\_\_\_."*

*John Flavel*

### 1 Peter 5:5-6

# WHAT JESUS \_\_\_\_\_ US ABOUT BEING APPROACHABLE.

**Matthew 9:9-13**

**Luke 15:11-32**

HOW TO BE MORE APPROACHABLE:

1. Radical \_\_\_\_\_: **Mark 10:45**
2. Radical \_\_\_\_\_: **Philippians 2:4**
3. Radical \_\_\_\_\_: **Luke 6:27-36**

*Do something radically approachable this week!*

**Fill in the blanks:** Jesus, others, keeps, Pride, enemy, friend, humble, proud, taught, service, concern, love

## HOW APPROACHABLE ARE YOU?

A brief self-inventory is provided for you below. Take a couple minutes to complete it now or do the same free inventory online at [LoveLikeThatBook.com](http://LoveLikeThatBook.com) to see your results and receive a summary at the end of the series.

*For each statement, put the number that best describes you.*

**Never(1)   Rarely(3)   Sometimes(5)   Often(7)   Very Often (10)**

- \_\_\_ *People know me to be more inclusive than exclusive.*
  - \_\_\_ *I welcome people with differing ideas or political viewpoints even to the point of "turning the other cheek."*
  - \_\_\_ *I lean into humility far more than I lean into pride.*
  - \_\_\_ *I absolutely detest the idea of looking down on others or being snobbish.*
  - \_\_\_ *I want to include anyone who looks to be left out or feeling rejected.*
  - \_\_\_ *I'm known by my friends as someone who reaches out to undesirable people.*
  - \_\_\_ *I intentionally do not size people up by their clothes or their appearance.*
  - \_\_\_ *I intentionally work at being less self-centered and feeling superior to others.*
  - \_\_\_ *I'm the first to make sure someone in a social setting feels accepted and included.*
  - \_\_\_ *I work diligently to love my enemies - the people that make my life difficult.*
- \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL**

If you would like to read more in depth about the 5 relationship secrets, you can purchase the book *Love Like That* by the #1 New York Times bestselling author and psychologist Dr. Les Parrott.



## JOIN A LOVE LIKE THAT LIFE GROUP

Join a Life Group for this series. Each week, you will view a brief video from #1 New York Times bestselling author and psychologist Dr. Les Parrott and then engage in thought-provoking and relationship improving discussion. Come to the Connect Center to find a group that's right for you!

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## STUDY GUIDE

This Study Guide is designed to help you take the message with you throughout the week with daily Scripture reading and questions for your personal reflection and application. It is also designed to help you continue the conversation with your family, friends, and Life Group.

## DAY 1

When you think of a person who is non-approachable, who comes to mind and why?

How about the opposite? Who is one of the most approachable people you know or have met? How did they make you feel by being approachable?

### **How Approachable Are You?**

If you haven't done so, take the self-inventory on the sermon outline or online at [LoveLikeThatBook.com](http://LoveLikeThatBook.com).

How do you feel about the results of your self-inventory? Would you be willing to invite a trusted friend, spouse, parent or child to review the results with you? Why or why not?

## DAY 2

Describe a time you didn't feel included or felt left out? How did it make you feel and how did you respond?

Read Luke 7:36-50. Why do you think Jesus was so different from the Pharisees in the way He was approachable to the undesirable or ignored?

Who in your life has played the role of Simon, questioning your value? Who has played the role of Jesus, believing in and sticking up for you?

## DAY 3

Read Luke 18:9-14. The biggest barrier to being approachable is unhealthy pride. Where are you most vulnerable to unhealthy pride? Who are the people that you tend to exclude or distance yourself from?

How would you rate your level of unhealthy pride over the past week?

*Genuinely humble  
and pretty inclusive*

*Self-consumed and  
pretty exclusive*

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

*(Note where you fall on this continuum when you were at your best and at your worst over the past seven days.)*

What is an example of you at your worst on this scale this past week?  
Now give an example of you at your best on this scale this past week.  
What can you do in the upcoming week to set your unhealthy pride aside and be more inclusive of those who may need it the most?

## DAY 4

Read Luke 15:11-32. How approachable did the son expect his father to be? How surprising was his father's response? Why is the older brother so upset at his father's response (vs 25-30)?

In your relationships, have you been more like the prodigal, the father, or the older brother this past week?

What can you apply from this story to your relationships this week?

## DAY 5

Read 1 Corinthians 12:18-26. When it comes to the body of Christ, which part(s) do you tend to give less honor, attention, or focus?

What can you do to become more engaged and inclusive with these people?

### APPLY

Who is the person in your life that you would like to be more approachable with? What is it that most gets in the way?

### CHALLENGE

What is one practical thing you can do to become more approachable with the person you noted? Be as concrete and specific as you can be. Now go and do it!