

### Quiet Time #3

1. How do you define service? How does that compare to the definition provided during talk 4? Do you live out the definition provided during the talk? If so, how do you live it out? If not, why not? What stops you? Do you now have the desire to serve Him?
2. What are the hidden motives behind the different services you do or your desire to serve? Are you serving for personal reasons? Are you serving to feel good about yourself? Are you serving because you were forced or pressured into it? Are you serving to please people so they think good things of you? Are you serving out of love for your Bridegroom, the One who loves you? Are you serving out of a desire for all to know and experience the love you have experienced from your Bridegroom? List the services you do or have done, even if they were one time events, and identify your motive(s) for each one.
3. How do you think Jesus feels about the world today? What do you think He sees in the world? How does that make Him feel? Read and meditate on James 4:4, Hebrews 6:6, and 2 Corinthians 11:2.
4. The Bible compares those who reject Christ and live far from Him to adultery. Do you feel Christ's pain caused by those who reject Him and are far from Him?

*"Jesus is being crucified many times over throughout the world because of the falling away of thousands who were once consecrated to God. Among them are souls who have betrayed their Lord...Satan is acknowledged as lord, with many consciously or unconsciously serving him. And so the earth increasingly bears the imprint to hell. Jesus is suffering immeasurably; His heart is almost breaking."*

5. Read John 21:15-17. Jesus is extending to you this question: "Do you love Me?". If the answer is yes, He says "Feed My lamb...Tend My sheep...Feed by sheep." If your answer is "Oh my love is so small!" Don't despair just take a moment right now to pray for sensitivity to the pain and burden Jesus feels when He looks upon this demonized world with its sins of ever-increasing immorality. Jesus wants to show you what is on His heart and impress it on you, so that you will become more and more intimately united with Him as you share in His suffering.

6. He is asking: "Do you love Me above all else? Do you love me above everything? Are you willing to live and suffer for Me? Are you willing to help build my kingdom and assist in fulfilling My saving purposes? Are you willing to share in His sufferings? Read and meditate on 2 Corinthians 4:7-18.

*"A true bride of Jesus is gripped with a consuming ardor: "Time is short. I've got to do all I can before it's too late!" She takes her place beside the Savior as He rescues souls from the abyss of sin which mankind lives today. Like an extended arm of her Lord, she helps to save those perishing in misery. Through repentance, sufferings, prayers, and outreach she helps to draw people out of the jaws of hell. To this end she sacrifices time, money, sleep, and so on...The bride's suffering with her Lord Jesus yields great fruit."*

7. How are you going to feed His sheep? How are you going to partake in His heart and His suffering? How are you going to fulfill your role as the bride of Christ here on earth? Be specific and practical.

*While Satan is gaining a hold on more and more people, Jesus lives in His bridal host. Though insignificant and nothing in herself, every bride of Jesus Christ – no matter how weak – has great power the moment she battles under the banner of the Lamb, her heavenly Bridegroom.*