

The Need To Be Loved

A teenager, tired of reading bedtime stories to his little sister, decided to record several of her favorite stories on tape. He told her, "Now you can hear your stories anytime you want. Isn't that great?" She looked at the machine for a moment and replied, "No. It hasn't got a lap."

We all need the closeness of relationship. Even Jesus needed the closeness of three of His followers. When He went into the garden to pray, He took Peter, James, and John with Him as He dealt with His heavy burden. Paul spoke fondly of his friends in various places; Luke, Barnabas, Silas and Timothy were close to him and he leaned on them for friendship and support.

We need to cultivate relationships. We need to show people who are close to us that we love them. Paul said, "*Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love ...*" (Romans 12:10). We can delegate some communication acts to machines, but the act of caring must have a personal touch. We all need a lap!

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