



Frozen

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Introduction:

- God at the movies?
- An “act of true love”

Frozen or Unfrozen

(Your relationship with God... Hot or Cold)

1. Separation and lack of communication

Listen! The LORD's arm is not too weak to save you, nor is his ear too deaf to hear you call. It's your sins that have cut you off from God.

Isaiah 59:1-2 NLT

With Jesus as our high priest, we can feel free to come before God's throne where there is grace. There we receive mercy and kindness to help us when we need it.

Hebrews 4:16 ERV

2. Living alone and “free”

“No right, no wrong, no rules for me... I'm free”

Don't look for shortcuts to God. The market is flooded with surefire, easygoing formulas for a successful life that can be practiced in your spare time. Don't fall for that stuff, even though crowds of people do. The way to life - to God! - is vigorous and requires total attention.

Matthew 7:13-14 MSG

3. Sacrificial love

We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters.

1 John 3:16 NLT

Love each other in the same way I have loved you. There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.

John 15:12-13 NLT

Next Steps:

- ☐ Unfreeze my relationship with God today by: _____
- ☐ Increase my communication with God by committing to pray 5/10/15/20 minutes a day
- ☐ Commit acts of “true love” to: _____
- ☐ Signup for a small group as a way of connecting more with God and people
- ☐ _____