





MAKE EVERY EFFORT



## **Pursuing Love**

Memory Verse for June: Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions. I John 3:18

Love is drawing near. It requires presence. Presence of mind, body, and soul.

Pursuing something out of a Christlike love is being drawn to the beautiful. Choose to be close.

We can create greater intimacy in all of our relationships through pursuing love.

Will you join me in June to pursue love?

## **CREATIVE WAYS TO DRAW NEAR**

When you reach for your phone out of boredom, stop to see if there is someone present who needs your attention.

Reach out to hold hands just because.

Place a hand on an arm or lay a head on a shoulder even for a brief moment.

Pull a child up onto your lap as you swing or read.

Do something unexpected like following a child down the slide or joining them on the swings.

Give high fives for their accomplishments. Walk and talk with a friend side by side..

Hug those close to you often - even if it's only been a day since you've seen them.

Practice listening. Don't offer advice but offer to pray together over the situation.

Choose to turn off the tv. Spend time in the same room.

## SUMMER PURSUITS: JUNE PURSUE LOVE

