

EVERY & YOU'VE DONE IT AGAIN



CURRENT SERIES:

Not That Into You
Week 2: Fight for Me



!ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- ➔ WELCOME BACK EVERYONE! YOU HAVE BEEN MISSED!
- ➔ Start talking up **The Mix** and **Double Dog Dare-a-thon** in your groups!

CALENDAR:

- ➔ THE MIX- **February 26-28**
- ➔ Double Dog-Dare-a-thon- **January 23 from 8-10 PM**. Results and prizes will be given Sunday morning- **January 24** -at InsideOut & Xtreme!

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Not That Into You: Fight for Me

Bottom Line: God never leaves, but sometimes we have to fight our own feelings and actions to stay in relationship with Him.

Message Overview:

When you're not that into a relationship, you have a choice- to stay or to go. It's pretty clear- and we all know- that God isn't going anywhere. He's in it for the long haul- eternity. But we're the ones who struggle with the choice, and that struggle sometimes involves fighting our own feelings, perceptions, tendencies, or even convenience. **The goal today is to help your students see that God never leaves- but sometimes we drift away, it's a fight to stay in.** Help your students see that a growing relationship with God takes more than just investment on God's part. It takes investment on their part too. It's so easy for students to feel like God has gone somewhere or that God doesn't even care or isn't even trying anymore- when all along it was their own pursuit that was lacking.

Scripture References: 1 Timothy 1:18-19, Isaiah 49:15-16, 1 Timothy 6:12, 2 Timothy 4:7, Hebrews 13:5

Questions:

- 1.) Are there relationships in your life you work to maintain (call, e-mail, visit, hang out, post on FB, etc)? What determines how much effort you are willing to put into these relationships?
- 2.) What are some reasons why people choose to walk away from relationships? What makes some relationships last and some not?
- 3.) Are there particular areas in your relationship with God that are difficult to fight for? Maybe it is in reading your Bible. Maybe you have a hard time praying on a regular basis. What are areas of your relationship with God that are a challenge for you?
- 4.) In the areas that are a challenge in your relationship with God, does it ever feel like God has forgotten you? What makes you feel that way?
- 5.) When you feel this way, how do you combat your feelings with what you know to be true? What do you know to be true?
- 6.) If your relationship with God is currently going strong, what do you think you can do to keep it that way? How can you work to avoid feeling "not that into" Him?
- 7.) If you are currently not that into your relationship with God, what are the areas that have been most challenging to you? Spending time praying? Reading your Bible?
- 8.) Do you think your relationship with God is worth fighting for? To what extent are you willing to go to ensure your relationship remains strong? What would happen if you gave up the fight altogether?
- 9.) Have you ever thought about the idea of God being the One who fights for you? Does that change the way you approach Him or your relationship with Him? How have you seen God fight for your relationship with Him?
- 10.) *Go to closing challenge.*

The Next Step:

IO/X: As you close your time together, brainstorm ways as a small group where you can work on the areas in your relationship with God that might be challenge. How can you encourage one another to fight for these areas of your relationship with God? How might you work on being more diligent in reading your Bible, or more focused in your prayer time? Then encourage the group to follow up with one another this week to see how they are doing—to see how deciding to fight for the relationship has worked for them this week.