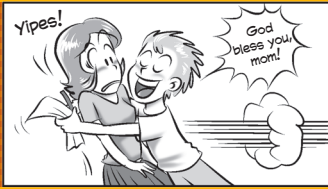
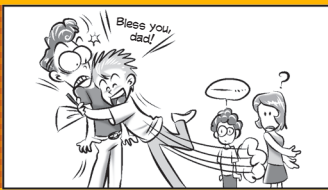


DEFINING MOMENTS



A QUOTE HANGING IN ALBERT EINSTEIN'S OFFICE SAID: "NOT EVERYTHING THAT COUNTS CAN BE COUNTED, AND NOT EVERYTHING THAT CAN BE COUNTED COUNTS." IN OTHER WORDS, A LOT OF THE THINGS YOU DO IN A DAY OR WEEK CAN'T BE "COUNTED" AND YET THEY REALLY "COUNT."



THINGS LIKE TIME SPENT IN PRAYER, TALKING TO SOMEONE ABOUT JESUS, FORGOING SOMETHING THAT YOU WANTED TO DO IN ORDER TO BE THERE FOR A FRIEND, THESE ARE DEFINING MOMENTS IN YOUR DAY AND IN YOUR LIFE. THESE ARE VITAL MOMENTS IN GOD'S EYES—THE TIMES WHEN YOU CHOOSE TO LOVE.



PAUL EXPLAINED IN 1 CORINTHIANS 13 THAT IF WE DON'T HAVE LOVE, THEN ALL OF OUR GOOD WORKS, TICKED-OFF TO-DOS, AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS, WILL PROFIT NOTHING. IN OTHER WORDS, THEY WON'T PAY OFF, THEY AREN'T WORTH THE EFFORT PUT INTO THEM.



THE NUMBER-ONE PRIORITY IS AND ALWAYS WILL BE LOVE. IF YOU CAN GO TO BED AT NIGHT KNOWING THAT YOU HAVE SHOWN LOVE-TO JESUS AND TO OTHERS—THEN YOU CAN REST, KNOWING THAT YOU'VE ACCOMPLISHED SOMETHING TRULY GREAT!

