



sermon notes

The Gospel Story in Frozen

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Ezekiel 36:26 (NLT)

*And I will give you a new heart,
and I will put a new spirit in you.
I will take out your stony, stubborn heart
and give you a tender, responsive heart.*

Frozen Facts

- #1 highest-grossing animated film of all time.
- #11 highest-grossing film (all categories).
- Won two Academy Awards:
 - Best Animated Feature
 - Best Original Song ("Let it Go")

A brief introduction to the story

Elsa and Anna are sisters. Elsa is the princess of the kingdom of Arendelle. She has the ability to produce ice, frost and snow at will. One night Anna wakes Elsa and begs her to get up and play, but something goes terribly wrong and Anna gets injured.

Elsa and Anna's parents seek help from a troll. The troll heals Anna, but does two things that drive the sisters apart. First, the troll removes the memory from Anna's mind. Second, the troll gives terrible advice. He tells Elsa to conceal her desires and not to feel them. Elsa is now so afraid of hurting Anna that she stays hidden away in her room for years and refuses to have anything to do with her sister.

Important Lesson #1

True Love _____

"Love is when you put someone else's need before your own."

—Olaf, the snowman

Jesus said it like this:

For the greatest love of all is a love that sacrifices all. And this great love is demonstrated when a person sacrifices his life for his friends.

John 15:13 (TPT)

The Apostle Paul said it like this:

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. 1 Corinthians 13:4–8 (NIV)

From the film

Anna sacrificed herself for the one person who pushed her away and wounded her. She willingly died in order to save the one who had done nothing to deserve such love.

The Apostle Paul explains Jesus' sacrifice for you:

When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for someone who is especially good. But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

Romans 5:6–8 (NLT)

Important Lesson #2

God's Love _____

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear.

1 John 4:18 (NIV)

From the film

When the risen Anna explains that it was love and not a kiss that unfroze her, Elsa experiences a revelation. Throughout her life she tried to earn love, but when she realized that true love is not earned, her frozen heart melted, and she was redeemed!

Jesus said:

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. John 13:34 (NIV)

Remember what God told the prophet Ezekiel:

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart. Ezekiel 36:26 (NLT)

God's love can melt a frozen heart.