My wife and daughters dragged me out to a chick flick over the weekend. My masculine sensibilities were offended as I walked up to the ticket booth and asked for the 5 o’clock Twilight showing. But I knew I was doing the right thing. There is always value in being a fool for love.

 Since this was the last installment of a series, I had them brief me on the plot as we drove to the theatre. Vampire falls in love with schoolgirl. Girl falls for Vampire. Obstacles and friends challenge their coupling. But love prevails and they marry. By the end of the third movie, Bella nearly dies during pregnancy, but vampire hubby, Edward bites her and they together join the elite social strata of “immortals.”

 I had belittled the value of this series, but I must tell you, I thoroughly enjoyed the movie. It’s a romance, not unlike “Romeo and Juliet.” This time the Montagues and Capulets are vampires and humans with a side of werewolf.

Relationships always have to overcome the different cultural and social norms of location and attitude. All couples have to adjust to the differences. I’ll forego any comments about how Bella completely changes after the wedding!

 Another major theme of the story develops around the friendships Bella and Edward have. Who believes in this couple? Who will support them, even sacrifice for them? And who thinks they are wrong and tries to sabotage these lovers?

Friendships are invaluable to your coupling. Boys need boy time and girls need girl time, and lots of time we just need to have a few couples over just to laugh at each other. All of their friends like mine are especially gifted with unique talents. I hope you are so lucky as I to have admirable and capable friends.

By the way, he’s totally clueless about why he loves her. He can’t read her mind, she’s a mystery to him, and she smells so good. He’s obsessed.

At first, she’s intrigued by how cool and aloof he is. Is he self-assured or just unavailable? He’s obviously gorgeous, but could she ever have him. When both sides fear the relationship is impossible and yet things work out, you have a chance for lifetime love.

Because they are now immortal, the movie explores their ‘lifetime’ together. What would this mean to your relationship? No groans, here. This is an opportunity that we all have. Time is a slippery thing to describe or define, so why don’t we simply call it ‘now.’

Time loses meaning when we commit to forever. Each couple can be together forever as long as we enjoy each moment as they come. When we hold back, fear, or try to possess, we step into time’s clutches and begin to feel old and tired. Living like Bella and Edward, where only now is important, we’re forever young and engaged.

And like the season before us, a child brings it all together. Every couple knows their child is the most special. We are sure that they are the smartest, strongest and prettiest child ever. Edward and Bella’s child is a perfect blend of mortal and immortal. Sound familiar?