

The Other Half: Truth about Your Relationship Status

You were made to be in a _____ with God, and it's the only one that _____.

God's relational, unfailing love means that even when you are _____, He is still _____.

Marriage was designed by God to reflect the _____ and the story of _____.

“Love is not an emotion; it’s a policy and a commitment that we choose to keep in the harshest of circumstances. It’s something that can be learned and that we can grow in. Biblical love is not based on the worthiness of the person being loved—none of us deserves Christ’s sacrifice—but on the worthiness of the One who calls us to love: “We love because he first loved us” (1 John 4:19).”
— Gary L. Thomas,
The Sacred Search

The practice of marriage is found in the picture of _____.

Truth to Embrace:

The ultimate purpose of marriage is not to make you _____, but to reflect the _____ and the _____.

Discussion Questions

1. Is there anything from last week's *Planting Truth & Uprooting Lies* section that you would like to share?
2. What stands out to you from lecture or the passage we looked at today?
3. God created us with a desire to be loved. How has that desire impacted your relationships? Have you tried to find that love in others?
4. Think about God's constant pursuit of you. How does understanding that He will continue to pursue you with His unfailing love impact your thinking about your human relationships?
5. What lies have you seen others or the world around you believe about relationship status or relationships? How have those lies impacted our ability to be in loving relationships?
6. How have you seen others (maybe a spouse, parent, mentor) love with a sacrificial, Christ-like love?
7. What truths do you need to embrace about your relationship status or relationship?

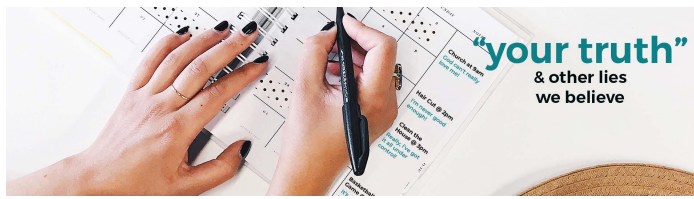
Planting Truth & Uprooting Lies

Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a. The book of 1 Corinthians was written by Paul and deals with problems within the church. The city of Corinth was a pagan religious hub and the church was dealing with differences in the culture and worship practices.

Jot down notes on the passage, specifically words or ideas that are repeated in the passage.

Questions to consider:

1. Make a list of all the different ways Paul describes love (there are 14-15 descriptions).
2. Take a moment to read through that list. What words stand out to you? What descriptions are you drawn to? Are there any words you would like to define for clarity?
3. God is the perfect definition of love. You were made to be in a love relationship with Him, and He is the only one that will never fail you. What do you need to embrace in your thinking about God's love and constant pursuit of you?
4. Whether you are single or married, the world has told us a lot of lies about our relationship status. What lies are you tempted to believe or maybe have already taken root about your relationship status or relationship?
5. What truths do you need to plant about God's love and constant pursuit of you?
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The practice of marriage is found in the picture of Christ and His Bride, the Church.

Truth to Embrace:

The ultimate purpose of marriage is not to make you happy, but to reflect the Gospel and the glory of God.