

## CHOOSE TO GROW SPIRITUALLY

For the week of Mar. 3, 2019

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### GET GOING:

Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 out loud in your group. Whether it's in marriage, friendship or family, which of these biblical traits defining love (vs 4-8) comes most naturally to you? Which of these traits do you struggle with the most?

- Pastor Ron and Jody's message was all about building your life and your relationships on the Rock of Jesus. Have you ever had a time when, if you are honest, you were building on the sand? If so, what was the outcome?
- It's not a matter of if a storm will come into your life (disease, death of a loved one, financial crisis, etc), it's a matter of when it will come. What is it about your relationship with Jesus that helps you endure when the storm comes?
- Who are some people in your life that you look up to because their life is clearly built on the rock... the type of people that exhibit 1 Cor. 13? Who in your life would you like to model your relationships after?

**Pastor Ron and Jody shared 5 ways to learn to love during relational breakdown. Which one do you need to grow in the most:**

1. Make the choice to forgive
2. Own your part of the breakdown
3. Identify and begin making changes needed to rebuild trust
4. Get the re-assurance required to keep moving forward
5. Draw close to God which will ultimately draw you closer in other relationships



## KEEP GROWING:

Read 1 John 4:7-12 out loud.

- What are some elements of this scripture that stand out to you?
- Verse 10 makes a big statement that reveals the heart of the Gospel. How does the knowledge that Christ first loved us inform how we love and live in all of our relationships?
- With so many scriptures clearly stating that love is a key attribute that all Christians should be known for, why do you think it is that the world often doesn't view Christians as loving?

Continue on reading 1 John 4:18-21

- This scripture is contrasting fear and love. What do you think that God is trying to communicate by saying that love is the antidote to fear?
- Verse 20-21 is a sobering reminder and commandment. How do we live this out practically? How do we hold this tension when we have genuine conflict with someone?

## BONUS CHALLENGE:

Share with your group some relationships that are really hard for you to extend love. Take some time to pray for one another and those difficult relationships.

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