

## CHOOSE TO GROW SPIRITUALLY

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### GET GOING:

- Start by going around your group and define what the word “LOVE” means to you? How do you personally define “love”? Is there a difference between how our culture defines love and how Jesus defines love?
- 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 says this: “If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.”
  - What do you think the writer of this passage is trying to say?
  - Talk through each of the 3 areas the writer calls out. Which one of these is the biggest stumbling block in your own relationships?
    1. Speak spiritually, but don’t have love.
    2. Have knowledge and/or faith, but don’t have love.
    3. Extend generosity or wealth, but don’t have love.”
  - This passage contrasts what we do, with how we do it. Of course what we do matters, but why is the Bible so strong in saying that if we don’t do it in love it’s basically worthless? That’s a bold statement!
  - Most of us have a tendency to do one of these two things:
    1. Either I do the “right thing” while lacking love or
    2. we cover all of our actions in love even if we aren’t doing the “right thing”.

What’s your tendency?



- Randy Alcorn said, ***“Countless mistakes in marriage, parenting, ministry, and other relationships are failures to balance grace and truth. Sometimes we neglect both. Often we choose one over the other.”***
  - Which way do you naturally lean on the spectrum of truth and grace?
  - Recognizing that Jesus is the perfect embodiment of 100% grace and 100% truth, how can you try to find the balance of both in your marriage, friendships, family, etc?

## KEEP GROWING:

Read John 13:34-35: **“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”**

- How can we serve people within the body of Christ in a way that the world will know that we love because Jesus first loved us.
- How far would you be willing go, sacrificing personally, so that it would be clear that you are embodying the love of Jesus as you serve those around you?
- Martin Luther King Jr. once said, “In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.” If we’re honest for a moment, often times we think we’re loving because we only place ourselves in circumstances where it’s easy to extend love. Have you ever had an experience where you neglected to love simply because you said or did nothing? At what point can our silence actually be the least loving thing to do?

## BONUS CHALLENGE:

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