



“Dating Relationship”  
Relationship 101! Series  
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God’s minimal standards for the person that you date: Only DATE if there’s a match of FAITH.

- 2 Corinthians 6:14

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

**6 Questions to ask about your relationship:**

1) Is this relationship progressing TOO QUICKLY?

- “Love is patient.” verse 4
- 3 ways to evaluate whether or not your relationship is being patient:
  - a) Love is patient RELATIONALLY
  - b) Love is patient EMOTIONALLY
    - “Above all else, guard your heart.” Proverbs 4:23
  - c) Love is patient PHYSICALLY
    - “Run away from sexual sin. No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality, it’s a sin against your own body.” 1 Corinthians 6:18

2) Is this person KIND?

- “Love is kind.” verse 4
  - “Love always protects” verse 7
- The way you live out your life when you’re dating is AMPLIFIED when you’re married.

3) Is this person a TEAM MATE?

- “Love does not envy, does not boast. It is not proud. It is not rude. It is not self seeking. It is not easily angered. Love keeps no record of wrongs.” verse 5

4) Is this a person of INTEGRITY?

- “Love does not delight in evil, but it rejoices with the truth.” verse 6

5) Is this person a QUITTER?

- “Love always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.” 1 Corinthians 13:7

6) Is God the first love of MY life?

- “Love never fails.” 1 Corinthians 13:8
- Matthew 6:33

### C3 Group Questions

**Last Week's Next Steps:** Did you gather at C3 on Sunday to express your faith? Did you build your faith this week through consistent time in prayer & God's Word? If so share what stood out to you in your time with God?

**IceBreaker:** What was one of your favorite love songs when you were a teenager?

**Review:** What one thing stood out to you (either helpful, insightful or troubling) from the weekend's message?

#### **Group Discussion:**

**Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8.** When in your life have you felt the most loved? How did that love affect your life?

In this passage, what does Paul say love is? What does Paul say love is not?

How does the way love is described in this chapter compare to love as typically defined in our culture?

**Read 1 Corinthians 6:18-20.** From this passage, what are Paul's arguments against sexual immorality? Which one is most convincing to you?

What connection is there between the "spiritual" & the "physical"? How does this make sexual sin outside of marriage unique?

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Why?

- *"The way you live out your life when you're dating is only amplified when you're married."*

**Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7.** In looking at the descriptions of perfect love, in which one of these descriptions are you strongest? Which one are you the weakest?

- If married or dating, which one would you say is your spouse/partner's strength? Which one is their weakest?

How can this group pray for me? How can I pray for those in my group?

**This Week's Next Steps:** (*"Do not merely listen to the word.....Do what it says."* James 1:22)

- **Reread 1 Corinthians 13:1-13.** Pray in your own words asking God to show you:
  - How to personally know God's love more.
  - How to show love to others the way we have experienced God's love to us.
- If married, reaffirm your commitment to your spouse that divorce is not an option.