

WEEK 1

Relationships are hard, but not learning from our mistakes can make them even harder.

READ

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." Romans 12:2

RESPOND

- 1. What goes through your mind when you reflect on your marriage or close relationships? Is there a certain issue that pops up again and again?
- 2. What do you think Pastor Graham meant when he said "if we objectify our spouse to meet our own needs then we have a relationship marked for death"?
- 3. Are there any bad habits you have formed in your marriage that Graham's message helped you to identify?
- 4. Who is your relationship support group? Are you surrounded by people that champion your marriage or that try to break it down?

REALITY

We often put too much effort into things that don't matter.

DO THE STUFF: When You Can't Seem to See the Good in your Marriage

Say these words: *Jesus, please show me something new and wonderful about my spouse today.* Think this thought: *God gave me the gift of marriage as something to put my whole effort into.* Pray this verse or pick your own promise to memorize:: *Lord, please renew my mind so I can no longer be conformed to the way I think marriage should be.*

PRAY

Before you close your time together, pray specifically for marriages in the room. Pray for healing, help, joy, and fun to begin to grow in places where things have been hard.