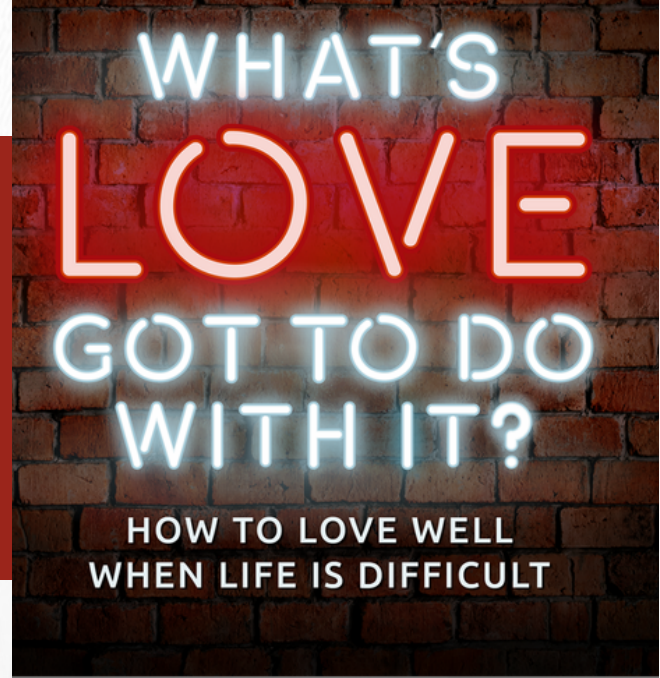



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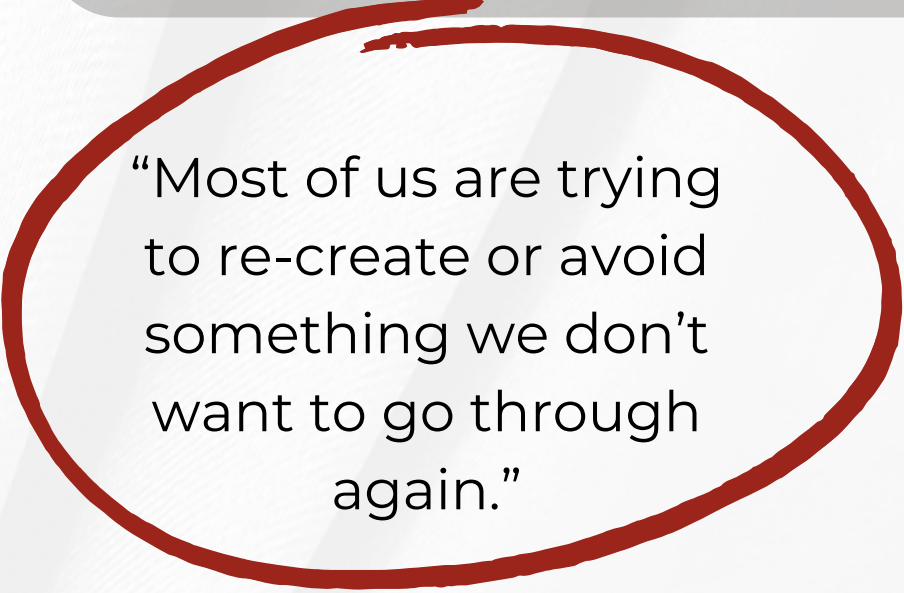


ONE-MINUTE RECAP



Pastor Kyle helped us see our relationships a little bit clearer. “We don’t want to work on our relationships; we just want them to work.” Relationships can be complex because each of us brings ‘relational dreams’ with us. However, these dreams can become demands, which he called a ‘suitcase of unmet expectations.’ When that happens, we enter into a debt/debtor relationship where we keep score and begin to feel like we are owed more than we have to give.

HOW DO YOU
RESPOND TO THIS
QUOTE?



“Most of us are trying to re-create or avoid something we don’t want to go through again.”



What is one ‘relational dream’ you’ve brought into a relationship? How did that expectation make your relationship better? Harder?

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LEARN - READ OUTLOUD- JOHN 13:34

DISCUSSION VERSE:

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.

When faced with unmet relational dreams, what is your initial response:

To leave? *(The argument, the problem, the room, the relationship)*

To win? *(To fight, get louder, coerce, convict, or control)*

To conform or compromise? *(To settle, give up, remain committed to the relationship but not the person in it.)*

In the Christian tradition, love is a race to the back of the line. Jesus came to serve and not be served. This is a wildly different perspective on relational dreams than we are used to.

What happy couples know: “Owe each other everything, but expect nothing.”

How do you think you could implement this idea in your current relationship?



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FOLLOW

SERVE EACH OTHER.

**“If you are first, your relationship will end up last.” -
Pastor Kyle**

- 1. This week, pick a person with whom you are in close relationship.**
- 2. Ask them about one unmet relational dream that they have had and how you can help meet it.**
- 3. Without judgment of what they share, make it a point to serve them that way without expecting anything back.**
- 4. Next week, share with the Group how that went and what you discovered.**

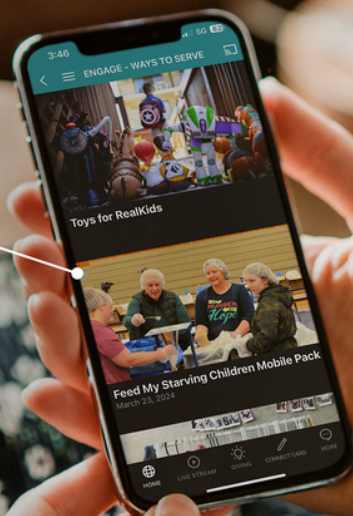
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