

# FOOD FOR THOUGHT *(continued)*

## TAKING IT HOME

1. The Bible lays out an incredible LOVE STORY - one that describes God's great love for each of us! How do you see that story unfolding in the following verses?

SCRIPTURE:	GOD'S ACT OF LOVE FOR US:
<b>John 3:16-17</b>	
<b>1 John 4:7-12</b>	
<b>Ephesians 5:21-33</b>	
<b>Philippians 2:5-8</b>	

2. As you reflect on God's GREAT LOVE for us, what area do you feel you need to work on the most to become more like Jesus and improve your marriage relationship or relationships with others in your life?

- Make love a matter of choice.**
- Make love a matter of conduct.**
- Make love others-centered.**
- Work every day on who you're becoming.**

What is one thing you would commit to do this week to make that happen?

# MESSAGE NOTES

## For Better Or For Worse // Week 3

**Marriage is a \_\_\_\_\_, not a \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Marriage is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one. **Ephesians 5:32***

**Falling in love requires a pulse. Staying in love requires a \_\_\_\_\_.**

*When I was a child, I spoke and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things. **1 Corinthians 13:11***

**God's plan for making marriage thrive:**

**1. Make your love a matter of \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. **1 Corinthians 13:4-7***

*And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. **Colossians 3:14***

**2. Make your love a matter of \_\_\_\_\_.**

*My children, our love should not only be words and talk. No, our love must be real. We must show our love by the things we do. **1 John 3:18***

**3. Make your love \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges: **Philippians 2:3-7***

**4. Work every day on who you're \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Every good tree produces good fruit, and bad trees produce bad fruit. **Matthew 7:17***

*Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life. **Proverbs 4:23***

## PERSONAL NOTES

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“Be doers of the word and not hearers only...” *James 1:22*



## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Many of our Groups are on break for the summer. Some have already begun this season! We encourage you to take these questions home with you and **WRITE DOWN YOUR ANSWERS**. Use it for personal study, or with your Group if you are currently meeting.

### **GETTING TO KNOW YOU**

1. Initial thoughts... as you reflect on the talk from Sunday, is there anything that particularly stood out to you, challenged you, or inspired you? Any lingering questions?

2. Go around your group and answer this question: *“In what ways have you changed in the last 10 years?”*

### **DIGGING DEEPER**

1. One of the main focuses of Westbridge is putting our love into ACTION! Read the following verses written by Jesus’ disciple, John, and describe how these verses encourage you to put your love into action either in your marriage or with people you interact with on a daily basis:

SCRIPTURE:	WHAT IS THE ACTION STEP OR APPLICATION?
<i>John 13:34-35</i>	
<i>1 John 3:16-18</i>	
<i>1 John 4:20-21</i>	

2. One of the most profound relational principles is HUMILITY - putting someone else ahead of yourself. What are some practical ways that humility shows itself either in a marriage relationship or in relationships with others?