



THAT'S WHAT I WANT

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TO HAVE RELATIONSHIPS
THAT FLOURISH

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At times it can be difficult to grow or maintain relationships—especially if there's been hurt involved. We must keep in mind that God has commanded us to love and forgive others as he has done for us—only then will we be able to build our relationships and have them flourish in the way God had planned.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. God commanded us to love one another as he has loved us. At times, this can be a daunting task—especially with so much conflict in the world today. Do you or people you know find it difficult to uphold this value of loving others well?
2. It can be difficult to forgive, but when faced with the chance to forgive, we should not repay evil with evil or let hurt imprison us. We should do as God has done for us and forgive with an open heart. How do you approach forgiveness when someone has hurt you?
3. **Read 1 Peter 3:9.** In the heat of the moment it can be easy to repay insult with insult when we are hurt by someone close to us. Do you ever fall into the habit of negatively fighting back when you are challenged by someone?
4. **Read 1 Thessalonians 5:11.** Being surrounded by a toxic relationship can bring hurt and anxiety into your life. If you or someone you know is surrounded by a toxic relationship, how can you take this verse to heart and encourage growth and healing in that relationship?

CHALLENGE

This week, seek out a relationship you have in your life that seems stuck, and use what you've learned in this message to repair it. Take a closer look at your relationship with God as well. Make sure that you are continuing to grow in his love—then use it to better your relationships with others.

COMMIT TO MEMORY

"So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." **John 13:34-35**