

**SERMON SERIES:** Relationships

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## Key Line

## Introduction

The quarantine has shone new light on relationships.

- What are some ways social isolation has affected your relationships, especially relationships with your spouse or the people you live with?

## Seek the Word

Read I Corinthians 13:4-8. We all have gaps between reality and what we expect. We get to decide what we put in that gap and what we think about the other person during that gap. We often fill that with what we see and who we are. We see something happening and relate it to our past experiences and our baggage.

- Reread verse 7. What does love do during this gap, according to this verse?

Ryan offered three practical things to do to fill that gap:

1. If you think something good, say it. Don't hold back. People need to know what you like about them. Share a time you said something nice about another person. How did they respond?
2. If you think about something special to do for someone, do it. When you learn your spouse's love language, use that to show that you love him/her. Share a time you did something really special for another person. How did that person respond?
3. If you want something different in your relationship, be it. Don't wait for the other person to do that yourself. How will changing your own behavior affect that of the people around you?

Read John 13:34-35.

- How does Jesus say we should love one another?

### **Talk About It**

Share some ways that a relationship you're in needs attention. What will you do this week to strengthen that relationship?