



WEEK 1 – FAMILY 30 – WHEN YOUR DREAM BOAT TURNS INTO A SHIP WRECK

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CONNECT WITH OTHERS

1. Name a tv show that is fueled by relationship conflict (romantic, friendship, family)? What kind of situations or plots are set up to escalate the misunderstandings or conflict?

OPEN IN PRAYER

FOCUS ON THE PASSAGE

2. Read James 3: 13-18. What are the ways that earthly wisdom is described? And what are the ways that wisdom from God is described?
3. Are there some ways that our society tells us to handle conflict that is contrary to what wisdom from heaven looks like?

ADMIT WHERE YOU ARE

4. What are some of the ways you react to conflict in relationships: Avoid? Anger? Distance? Threaten? Blame? Judgment?
5. What could be some of the underlying reasons for this reaction to conflict: Distrust? Selfishness? Past Hurt? Control? Personal Desires?

INTERPRET THE PASSAGE

6. Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-7. Love in this passage is defined as agape love—unconditional love. Based on this description of what love is and is not, how can this redefine your approach to conflict in relationships?
7. In what ways do selfish desires or self -seeking attitudes show up in your relationships?

TAKE THIS PASSAGE INTO YOUR LIFE

8. Are there some ways that you have been approaching relationships and conflict with earthly wisdom instead of Godly wisdom?
9. Are there any conflicts in your relationships that need you to take on more of an agape love towards this person(s)?

HEAR FROM GOD

10. What are some of the un-godly approaches to conflict do you need to give up? Spend time praying for God to reveal what wisdom from heaven would look like in some of these situations.

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1. The book of James tells us that there are 2 kinds of wisdom. The first type is a wisdom that is earthly. The type that people use for selfish reasons. The second type is a wisdom that comes from heaven. This type of wisdom is pure and sincere.

Give some examples of how heavenly wisdom might look when you have a fight with a sibling or friend? (examples... talk it out, apologize, be slow to speak, turn a cheek)

2. How does the world tell us to handle these conflicts? (examples... hit them back, yell, run away, ignore, etc.)
3. When you get frustrated or angry with someone in our family, how do you normally react? What can you do to change the way you typically react? (examples... ask God for wisdom, pray, etc.)
4. In the book of 1 Corinthians, Paul describes Love as Agape Love. This is a love that is unconditional, that can't be broken. Read this passage to find out what love is and isn't.
5. Who do you need to “work on” showing agape love to in your life? How can you show them agape love?
6. Take time to pray with a grown up and ask God for heavenly wisdom. Ask God to help you love everyone in your life, especially the people that are the hardest for you to love.