



## **Lovers Week 4**

March 1, 2026

FILL IN YOUR OWN NOTES HERE:

LET'S BE HONEST...YOU'VE HEARD IT: SIMPLE CHURCH IS SHALLOW!

BUT WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? DEEP? THAT PREACHER IS DEEP!

IF YOU DIDN'T GROW UP IN CHURCH...DEEP USUALLY MEANS...KNOWLEDGE!

HOW MUCH YOU KNOW! A STYLE OF PREACHING! DEEP TEACHING!

CHURCH FOLK LOVE THIS... SO DID THE PHARISEES...AND THEY KILLED JESUS!

DEEP WAS TRYING TO PROVE A POINT! I AM RIGHT! OR EVEN TRAP SOMEONE!

IRONY...DEEP FOLK LOVED TO JUDGE SOMEONE'S LACK OF KNOWLEDGE! VERY PRIDEFUL! ONLY ONE PROBLEM WITH THAT PRIDE THING...

Proverbs 8:13 NLT...I hate pride and arrogance...

James 4:6 CEV "God opposes everyone who is proud, but he is kind to everyone who is humble."

IF WANT TO GO DEEP...JUST LOOK UP PRIDE! LET'S GO DEEP!

2 Timothy 3:1-2 CEV You can be certain that in the last days there will be some very hard times... They will be proud, stuck-up, rude...ungrateful, heartless, and hateful.

SOUND FAMILIAR! WHAT "GROUP" IS HE REFERRING TO? MORE CLUES...

2 Timothy 3:3-4 CEV Their words will be cruel, and they will have no self-control or pity...They will be sneaky, reckless, and puffed up with pride.

OH YES...IT'S "THAT GROUP" YOU KNOW...THAT GROUP POLITICAL NOPE!  
SURPRISE...IT'S THE CHURCH!

2 Timothy 3:5 LB They will go to church, yes, but they won't really believe anything they hear. Don't be taken in by people like that.

A BETTER TRANSLATION?

2 Timothy 3:5 ERV They will go on pretending to be devoted to God, but they will refuse to let that "devotion" change the way they live. Stay away from these people!

DON'T BE LIKE THEM! JESUS WARNS US TOO:

Matthew 24:10-12 ERV During that time many believers will lose their faith...

There will be so much more evil in the world that the love of most believers will grow cold.

COLD HEART? KNOWLEDGE IS LIKE WATER THE DEEPER YOU GO...COLDER IT GETS? MORE YOU STUDY...TRY TO BE RIGHT! RICK WARREN APOLOGETICS THINK SO MUCH ON STUDY...DON'T THINK OF ANYONE ELSE! NO LOVE!

Hebrews 10:24 NCV Let us think about each other and help each other to show love and do good deeds.

KNOWLEDGE CAN BE COLD... NO LOVE IS COLD TOO!

NEIGHBOR MAD ABOUT FLOWERS THAT'S COLD! VERY SHALLOW!

THE DEEPER YOU LOVE THE WARMER IT GETS!

1 Peter 1:22 GW Love each other with a warm love that comes from the heart.

1 Peter 4:8 NIV Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

LET'S GO BACK AND DIVE "DEEPER" INTO 2 TIMOTHY

PEOPLE WILL BE : RUDE, SELFISH, ANGRY, PRIDEFUL...NOW CONTRAST!

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 ERV Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous, it does not brag, and it is not proud. Love is not rude, it is not selfish, and it cannot be made angry easily. Love does not remember wrongs done against it. Love is never happy when others do wrong, but it is always happy with the truth. Love never gives up on people. It never stops trusting, never loses hope, and never quits.

THAT IS REALLY DEEP! BUT YOU SAY: I KNOW THAT, I'VE READ IT BEFORE!

WEDDING MAYBE? SHALLOW IS KNOWING IT! DEEP IS DOING IT!

WARNING: THIS MAY STING: PEOPLE SAY...I JUST WASN'T GROWING...

SO I LEFT TO JOIN THIS CHURCH...WASN'T FED...BABIES NEED TO BE FED-MATURE FOLKS KNOW HOW TO FEED THEMSELVES!

IF YOU WANT TO GROW... APPLY WHAT YOU KNOW!

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

SPIRITUAL GROWTH COMES BY GIVING AWAY NOT TAKING IN!

James 2:14-16 LB What's the use of saying that you have faith and are Christians if you aren't proving it by helping others? Will that kind of faith save anyone? If you have a friend who is in need of food and clothing, and you say to him, "Well, good-bye and God bless you; stay warm and eat hearty," and then don't give him clothes or food, what good does that do?

YOU'RE ONLY AS DEEP AS THE LAST PERSON YOU SERVED!

1 Corinthians 12:7 NLT A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.

FOSTER FAMILY NBA WARM PERSON!

James 2:17 LB So you see, it isn't enough just to have faith. You must also do good to prove that you have it. Faith that doesn't show itself by good works is no faith at all—it is dead and useless.

THE LAST THING I WANT FOR YOU...DEAD USELESS FAITH!

Ephesians 3:17-19 NLV I pray that you will be filled with love. I pray that you will be able to understand how wide and how long and how high and how deep God's love is. I pray that you will know the love of Christ. His love goes beyond anything we can understand.

A LOVE THAT GOES BEYOND UNDERSTANDING...THAT'S DEEP!

WHEN YOU SEE IT...EXPERIENCE IT...SHARE IT...HARD TO UNDERSTAND!