MORE THAN A FEELING
Week 2:Love The One You're With

Objective: To encourage us to act in love by serving those on the margins.

1. Read **Matthew 25:35–40** together.
What surprises you most about how closely Jesus identifies Himself with the hungry, the stranger, the sick, and the imprisoned?

2. In this passage, the righteous people don't realize they were serving Jesus.
What does that tell us about what real love for others often looks like in everyday life?

3. The sermon defined a *marginalized person* as someone pushed to the edges of society and lacking access to safety, stability, voice, or opportunity. Where do you see people like that in your own community or daily routines?

4. Read **Deuteronomy 15:7–11**.
What attitudes does God warn against when it comes to helping those in need, and which of those do you personally wrestle with most?

5. The sermon said that loving those on the margins:
  * elevates the marginalized
  * honors God
  * changes *us*
Which of those feels most compelling—or most challenging—to you right now? Why?

6. Loving people on the margins often requires inconvenience, sacrifice, or discomfort.
What do you think typically holds people back from stepping into this kind of love?

Final Thought:
Jesus doesn't ask us to love Him in the abstract. He invites us to love Him in the faces, stories, and needs of people our world often overlooks. When we move toward those on the margins, we are not just doing good—we are meeting Jesus Himself.

This Week:
Do two things this week:
  1. **PRAY for awareness.**
     Ask God to open your eyes to the marginalized people you already cross paths with—at work, school, church, or in your neighborhood.

  2. **TAKE ONE STEP.**
     Choose one tangible action:
  * Volunteer at a food bank or crisis nursery
  * Reach out to someone who is isolated or struggling
  * Support a ministry that restores dignity and stability
  * Help a neighbor or coworker in a practical way
Don't try to do everything. **Pick one. Act in love.**