

**Me Before We**  
**Megan and Andrew Smith**

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Galatians 5: 22-25

**Someone recite Galatians 5: 22, 23 from memory.**

1. Pastor Andrew called these verses a “wish list for all relationships.”

Which “fruit” do you see as most important in your current relationships:  
In your family? Your work? With your friends?  
Which “fruit” is most often missing in those same relationships?

2. “Fruit” is singular, meaning all these characteristics are part of a whole.

Can we “create” this fruit in ourselves? (Can we “choose” to have love, joy, etc?)  
Whose job is it to give us the fruit?

**Read Galatians 5:25** (bonus points if you can recite it.)

3. What is “our part” of the “job” of maintaining relationships?

4. Andrew and Megan spoke of three steps: name them.

5. They broke the first step into different areas.

a. Give what?

b. Assume what? How would this look if:

your teenager came in late for curfew?

your spouse came home from work smelling of (cologne/perfume) not theirs?

c. How does knowing we can’t earn and don’t deserve this “step” help?

6. Step two depends on who? The injured party, or the one who created the injury?

Saying the words and living them out can be different animals. What is the hardest part of this step? (Remember, this does not create amnesia...) Who does it free?

7. The last “step” has two elements. What are they?

a. Define them.

b. Give examples of how they are different.

c. Which one is harder for you to exercise? Share a time you’ve been one or the other.

8. Andrew and Megan talked of “the drift.”

a. Have you seen it in your relationships?

b. Have you seen it in your walk with the Lord?

c. How can you avoid it?

**Read Galatians 5:24**

9. Andrew and Megan stated they “water and fertilize marriage” by what?

a. What way did they mention doing this?

b. Have you done this in your relationships?

c. How would you have handled the situation with the friend on the porch and the spouse not home?