

Staying in Love, part 4: “Filling the Gap”

I want to talk about a decision that everyone makes on a constant basis. In fact, you make this decision on a daily basis in all of your relationships...

1 Corinthians 13:4-6

1 Corinthians 13:7

1 Corinthians 13:7 NASB

In every relationship, at some point along the way, there is a gap between what we expect and how others behave.

At some point in every relationship, and in every love relationship, there’s going to be a gap between what is promised--and what actually happens.

Now, here’s the choice we make all the time. In every one of these gaps, we place something. We either choose to believe the best or we assume the worst, every single time.

The point is, in every relationship, we all put something in that gap.

There are two things that determine what you’re going to put here: 1) what you see and 2) who you are.

Let me ask you: Do you tend to believe the Best or believe the Worst?

People who stay in love, either intuitively or by habit, learn and consistently, regardless of circumstances, they learn to believe the BEST!!

One of the most powerful things you can do when there’s a gap, is to fill the gap with believe the best!

If you have consistently believed the worse, they’re afraid of you.

I’m not saying you don’t have difficult conversations.

EHR: CTR: Community Temperature Reading

I appreciate_____

I am puzzled_____

I notice _____ and I prefer _____

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SERIES REVIEW

Part 1: Never been easier to fall in love, never harder to stay in love!

Make love a verb!

John 13:34

Part 2: Falling in love requires a pulse, staying in love requires a plan!

Want to stay in love? Decide every day to treat that other person like he or she is more important than you!

Philippians 2:3

Part 3: Stop monitoring your significant other's behavior and attitudes and start guarding your heart! Explore what's inside of you!

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Choose Love!