

“Healthy Relationships require Hard Conversations”

Series: Anchors for the Soul (Part 5 of 8)

Matthew 22:37

Jesus replied, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart...”

In the Bible, “Love” is not defined as a feeling, but rather something that is displayed through your actions / attitudes!

1 Corinthians 13: 4-7

Love is patient, kind, it does not envy, does not boast, is not proud, is not rude, is not self-seeking, is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

To love God with ALL your heart requires that it be free from:

Mixed loyalties = Idolatry Matthew 6:24 / Jeremiah 29:13

Mixed affections = Anger, etc. 1 John 4:20 / Matthew 5:8

Ezekiel 36:26 *I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.*

Pr. 4:23 *Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.*

Jeremiah 17:9 *The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?*

Joel 2:12 *“Even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.”*

Joel 2:12 / Ephesians 4:31 / Hebrews 12:15

“Hard Conversations” should NOT be avoided...

Matthew 5:23-24 and Matthew 18:15-20

Our Goals:

Psalms 51:10 *Create in me a clean heart, O God...*

1 Thess. 3:12 *Make the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you.*

Are you willing to live this way? As your Vineyard family, we need this!