

## The Right Person Myth

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The decisions you make today will determine the story you tell tomorrow.

Matthew 7:24-27

### Two relationship myths...

#### Myth #1 - The Right Person Myth

- Once you meet the right person, everything will be all right.

#### Myth #2 - The Promise Myth

- When it comes to having a long-term, satisfying relationship, all one has to do is make a promise.

Following Jesus will help you become the right person.

- Are you the person the person you're looking for is looking for?
- Are you still the person the person they were looking for?

Becoming the kind of person the person you're looking for is looking for.

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup>He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ... <sup>4</sup>Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. <sup>5</sup>"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

<sup>9</sup>"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love... <sup>12</sup>My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. John 15:1-12

Allow God's love for you, demonstrated through the cross to be the framework for all of your relationships.

The kind of person Jesus leads his followers to become is the kind of person we are all ultimately looking for and want to become.

## Let's Connect

When you think of romantic comedies, what movies come to mind?

## Let's Talk About It

In relationships, we often believe if we find the right person it will make everything right. So we ask ourselves, "Is this the right person for me?" Maybe we need to be asking a different question – a question that shifts our focus from seeking the right kind of person to becoming the right kind of person.

John 15:1-13; Proverbs 14:12; Matthew 7:24-27

- Which part of the message made an impact, caught your attention or challenged you?
- Have you found yourself believing either of these myths? If so, which one? What are more accurate versions of those two myths?
- Read John 15:1-5. What does Jesus mean to "remain in the vine"? What is the result of doing this and what would it mean for your current and future relationships?
- Read John 15:9-12. In this passage, Jesus sums up the commands with one. What is this one command? **[Singles]** What would this look like in a future romantic relationship? **[Marrieds]** What would this look like in your marriage?
- List three things that come to mind when you think about God's love for you. What would it look like to extend those same three things to someone else? A friend, your spouse?

## Take a Step

- **[Singles]** Think about the type of person you're looking for and ask yourself, "Am I becoming that type of person?" How can this group help you *remain in the vine*?
- **[Marrieds]** Think about the type of person you want your spouse to be and ask yourself, "Am I becoming that type of person?" How can this group help you *remain in the vine*?

## Here's My Prayer

- Lord, help me to become more like You - loving and honoring people the way You do. As I commit to *remain in You*, shape and mold me into Your likeness.