



## QUICK OVERVIEW

My takeaway from this message is:

This week I am going to:

Looking back over your sermon notes, was there any particular point or passage of scripture that most challenged, confused, or caught your attention?

## INTRODUCTION

1 Corinthians 13 is a popular passage from the Bible that many couples include in their wedding ceremonies. Its description of love is inspiring. Yet, upon further examination, you'll also find specific instructions that, when applied, will result in long-lasting, love-filled relationships.

## MY STORY

1. What is the best piece of advice you've heard about making a relationship last?

2. What has been the most impactful piece of advice from Staying in Love that you can apply to a current relationship (or a future relationship)?

## EXPLORING

1. Do you have high expectations in your relationships, or do you expect very little from those around you? Explain.

2. When there is a gap between what you expect from people and what they actually do, do you fill that gap by "believing the best" or "assuming the worst"? Give an example.

3. In 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, the apostle Paul defines love with multiple descriptors. Which descriptors of loving come easy to you? Which aspects of loving do you find difficult?

4. What specific steps can you take this week to fill the gaps in your relationships by choosing to trust and believing the best?

## NEXT STEPS

1. Gaps occur all the time in relationships. There are gaps between what we expect from others and what they actually do. And in response, we can choose to trust and believe the best or we can choose the opposite and fill those gaps with negative assumptions. Or, as it says in 1 Corinthians 13, we can choose to bear, believe, hope, and endure. Relationships will grow or fade depending on what you choose to place in those gaps. What will you choose to do?

2. Memorize 1 Corinthians 13:7

# NEW RIVER NEWS

**REMINDER:**  
**NEXT STEPS LUNCH**  
**12:00 pm this Sunday**  
**at New River's South Campus**

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