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Part Two: I'd Be Better Off With Someone Else // Carey Nieuwhof // February 21st, 2021

Many relationships experience a slow slide into a prolonged conflict. The person you once loved becomes the person you now loathe. When you're in that situation, many people begin to imagine they'd better off with somebody else...or anybody else. Surely they'd treat you better. Care about you. Respect you. Be kind to you. True? Not so fast! There is a way to turn the person you now loathe into the person you once again love.

Scripture: [1 Corinthians 13:1-8](#)

Bottom Line: Confession and repentance can turn the person you once loathed into the person you once again love.

Getting Started:

As you begin, remember that the goal isn't to get through all of the questions but to use them as a tool for good discussion.

1. Can you remember the time you first thought you were in love? Describe that relationship. As you understand it now, was it really love?
2. If you are in a relationship, just for fun and with your partner's permission, share a quirk you have experienced of your partner that you found endearing in the early days of your relationship?

Jumping In:

3. Carey shared, 'The person you once loved becomes the person you now loathe.' How do you think that happens in relationships?
4. Carey listed some examples of things he and Toni have argued about over the years. Do you have a '10-year argument' in your relationship?

Discuss:

5. Carey said, 'I'm not better off being with someone else. I'm better off becoming someone else.' How does this resonate with you? What do you think about what Carey said about 'authentic me'?
6. Read [1 Corinthians 13:1-8](#). This passage was written for a church that was arguing amongst themselves. Why do you think this has become a passage used in so many weddings?

7. How does this passage apply to life today at work, home, school, or with your neighbours (non-romantic relationships)?
8. Prophecy is the ability to communicate the word of God clearly. What other gifts are listed in the passage? In your opinion, can these gifts produce good results without being shared out of love?
9. Which characteristic of love (refer to verses 4-7), when absent, contributes to your '10-year arguments'? How does this sit with you? Which characteristic of love is most difficult for you to practice in your own strength?
10. Carey pointed out the lie in thinking we would be better off with someone else. Have you ever been caught comparing someone in your life to a perfect ideal? What is the problem with this thinking? Why is this challenging in a marriage or long-term relationship?
11. In regard to the lie (see above), what is the truth? How does the truth of the gospel connect to a relationship with a significant other?
12. If you become better off by becoming someone else, what characteristics of love can you work toward actioning this week to improve your relationship? Share with your group so they can be praying with, and for, you.

Moving Forward:

Carey outlined a three-fold path to turning your marriage around: counseling, confession, and repentance.

Consider who you could go to in order to get a more accurate view of the problems you're bringing to your relationship.

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