



## WEEK 2

### **GROWING IN LOVE**

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But the fruit of the Spirit is **love**, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23a

#### **A supernaturally changed life...**

1. **IS NOT THE SAME AS A** \_\_\_\_\_ **LIFE**

If I **speak in the tongues** of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the **gift of prophecy** and **can fathom all mysteries** and all knowledge, and if I have a **faith that can move mountains**, but do not have love, **I am nothing**. 1 Corinthians 13:1,2 (See Matthew 7:22-23)

2. **IS NOT THE SAME AS A** \_\_\_\_\_ **LIFE**

If I **give all I possess to the poor** and **give over my body to the flames** that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing  
1 Corinthians 13:3 (See Matthew 5:20)

### 3. IS ABOUT \_\_\_\_\_

**Love is** patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it 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. Love never fails. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

### 4. IS ABOUT \_\_\_\_\_

“We must preoccupy ourselves less with trying to be like Jesus and more with simply being with Him. For when we’ve been with Him, we will become like him. The fruit of the Spirit is caught, not achieved.” – Scott Sauls

### **BOTTOM LINE:**

The more I know the One who \_\_\_\_\_,  
the more love will be \_\_\_\_\_.



### **RESOURCES USED FOR THIS MESSAGE**

Today’s outline and many concepts were adapted from “Love and the Fruit of the Spirit”, a sermon by Tim Keller, and *Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit*, by Christopher J. H. Wright

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