



INTRODUCTION

Love...complicated. Dating...complicated. Heartbreaks...complicated. No matter if you're married, single, divorced, or remarried, relationships are just complicated. This series can help you get it right.

We all have hopes and dreams, but what are we supposed to do when our hearts are broken and our dreams can't come true? It's tempting to take matters into our own hands, but is there a better way?

PART 5

VIDEO NOTES

We all experience heartbreak in this life. We have hopes and dreams that, for whatever reason, don't see the full realization of what we wanted them to become. Oftentimes, these heartbreaks make us feel so lonely, especially when we're constantly surrounded by pat and patronizing answers. But the truth is, the very people who wrote the letters of the Bible, experienced heartbreaks. They had so many feelings you had. They had the same struggles and questions.

They did not choose the hand they were dealt, but they chose to trust the hand that dealt it. As such, they have shaped human history and western culture, as a result. We see this represented through Mary, John the Baptist, and even as far back as King David. Perhaps the culminating example of how to persevere through heartbreak is through the life of Jesus Christ.

There is **purpose** for **you** even when **your dreams** can't come true.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

1. What is one dream from your childhood that didn't work out the way you thought it would?
2. Have you ever known someone to respond to broken dreams in a positive way? To what do you think they would attribute their response?
3. The prosperity gospel assumes if you do something for God, God will do something for you. (Buck's illustration: The God Lamp) When have you tried to negotiate with God? Explain.
4. Do you believe there's a purpose for you even when your dreams can't come true? Why or why not?
5. What can you practically do this week to remain faithful despite a broken heart or a dream that can't come true?

THIS WEEK

When your heart is broken and your dreams can't come true, the invitation every day is to pray.

This week set some time aside every day to pray. Remember, prayer is simply conversation with God. It can be as simple as this:

"I offer you my dreams and plans. Do to me whatever seems good to You. I acknowledge Your right to rule. Let Your will be done in me."

*"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not **my will**, but **yours** be done."*

Luke 22:42