

LOVE, DATES & HEARTBREAKS

INTRODUCTION

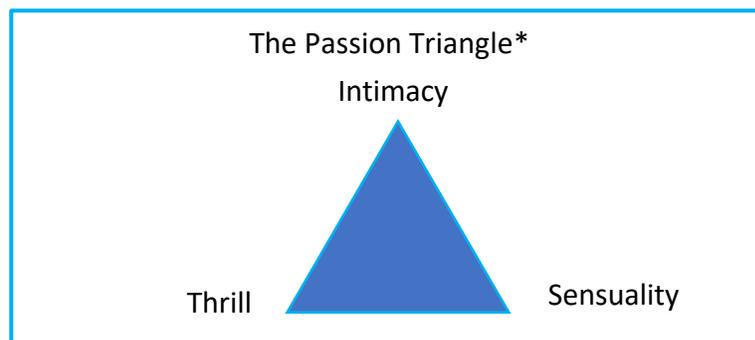
Love...complicated. Dating...complicated. Heartbreaks...complicated. No matter if you're married, single, divorced, or remarried, relationships are just complicated. This series can help you get it right.

From elementary school through high school, many of us had ideas of what the perfect relationship would look like in the future. While those dreams may not represent our current reality, a step in the right direction could be to follow the apostle Paul's advice —to move from our childish ways and start being grownups.

PART 4

VIDEO NOTES

Buck recapped what makes an exceptional love relationship, part of which is keeping the three parts of the Passion Triangle in balance. How do we do that? The simple, and yet complicated answer is, **love**.



**for definitions of the passion triangle, see part 3 discussion questions [here](#).*

This week, Buck delved into the next three verses of the “love chapter” in 1 Corinthians. Here we find out more about what love is and what it is not:

- **Love is not dishonoring.** Love does not behave disgracefully, dishonorably, or indecently.
- **Love is not self-seeking.** Love is not selfish.
- **Love is not easily angered.** Love responds instead of reacts.
- **Love does not keep a record of wrongs.** Love does not keep a file cabinet of our wrongs.
- **Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres.** Love works to keep bad things out of our relationship. When there is a gap between what I expected and what I experienced to choose to trust, love chooses the most generous explanation until proven otherwise. Love hopes for the best future of the relationship. And love chooses to keep going.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

1. Who was your first crush?
2. What "childish" notions or assumptions about love did you carry into adulthood?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 13:6–7.
 - a. What are some ways we can protect the ones we love?
 - b. Are you able to believe the best and overlook the rest? What does that look like practically?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 13:11. Where do you have work to do? Are you self-seeking? Easily angered? A scorekeeper? Unprotective?
5. What couples do you know that seem to have put most of their childish ways behind them? What about them makes you think that?
6. For your current or future relationships, if you could work on one thing about yourself to transition from child to grownup, what would it be?

THIS WEEK

Look over these words that describe what it means to demonstrate love:

patient, kind, not jealous, humble, honoring, selfless, not easily angered, grace-filled, protective, trusting, hopeful, persevering

For each one, are you more interested in becoming a person who displays more of these characteristics or are you more focused more how others are not displaying these characteristics?

*"[Love] 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**."*

1 Corinthians 13:5-7