

between you and me

week one | introduction

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Sin = Death | We are becoming mature disciples as we grow in Christ

From the beginning, sin fractures relationships and leads humanity to divide and hide –but God consistently moves toward us to restore what was broken, culminating in Christ and restored relationships with others.

1 Peter 2:2 (NIV)

The Problem in Corinth

1 Corinthians 3:1–4 (NIV) | 1 Corinthians 13:1–8 (NIV)

1. Created for Relationship (God’s Original Design)

Genesis 2:18 (NIV) | Genesis 3:1–5 (NIV)

Key Observations:

- God walks with humanity (Gen 3 later assumes this as normal).
- No shame, no fear, no hiding.
- Identity flows from relationships, not performance.

2. The Rupture: Shame, Fear, and Hiding

- The curse – death –shame, fear, hiding
- The impact on relationship
- Pride kills relationship

Genesis 3:7–12 (NIV)

The Enemy of Relationship

- Separation from God led to separation from one another
- Changed every relationship in the physical realm
- The enemies weapon – lies

John 8:43–44 (NIV) 2 Corinthians 11:14 (NIV)

Progression of Sin

1. An internal change that impacts everything – sin nature, culture created by those with a sin nature, the devil revealed
2. Eyes opened → self-awareness without security
3. Shame → self-protection
4. Fear → hiding
5. Distance → relational fracture

3. The Question That Reveals God's Heart

Genesis 3:9 | John 10:10 (NIV) | Luke 19:10

Teaching Emphasis:

Jesus is **Genesis 3:9** with skin on.

4. Abiding is restoring our vision & our strength to regain what we lost

**John 15:5 (NIV) | John 15:9–10 (NIV) | Galatians 5:22–23 (NIV)
2 Corinthians 5:17–20 (NIV)**

5. The Restored Way of Life | Relationship with God and others

- Maturity comes as we abide in Jesus who pours Himself into us by His Spirit
- Peace makers, reconcilers
- No longer straining out the gnat but swallowing the camel

**1 Corinthians 13:4–8 (NIV) | 1 John 1:5–7 (NIV) | John 15:9–10 (NIV)
John 15:12–15 (NIV) | John 13:35 (NIV) | Matthew 22:37–40 (NIV)**

This series | Learning to live a life of love requires
the skills we are going to focus on

