



## Words That Shape Your World

Ghosting  
Situationship  
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Why do we have more access to people than any generation in history...and at the same time more loneliness, dating anxiety, burnout, and relational exhaustion?

Ephesians 4:3 NIV: "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

Ephesians 4:13–15 NIVL "...until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature..." "Then we will no longer be infants..." "Speaking the truth in love, we will grow..."

Ephesians 4:22–24 NIV: "Put off your old self..." "...be made new in the attitude of your minds..." "...put on the new self..."

### **TODAY**

More access to people than ever  
More dating anxiety than ever  
More loneliness than ever

### **THE POOL HAS BECOME AN OCEAN**

We are hyper-evaluating people  
instead of being curious about them.

### **FEAR EVALUATES**

LOVE STAYS CURIOUS

### **FEAR ASKS**

Do they like me?  
Am I enough?  
Will I be rejected?

### **CURIOSITY ASKS**

Who are they really?  
What shaped them?  
What matters to them?  
What makes them come alive?

Matthew 7:7 NIV: "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; "knock and the door will be opened to you."

"What are you looking for?"  
"Why are you afraid?"  
"What do you want me to do for you?"  
"Who do you say I am?"

### **WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?**

Judgment closes people.  
Curiosity opens people.

### **CONTEMPT ASSUMES**

CURIOSITY EXPLORES

### **LOVE MAPS**

Healthy couples continue learning each other over decades.

**MANY MARRIAGES DON'T COLLAPSE**

BECAUSE LOVE DISAPPEARS

They collapse because curiosity disappears.

**YOU ARE NEVER FULLY DONE**

DISCOVERING ANOTHER HUMAN BEING

**THE GOAL OF A DATE**

is not to perform perfectly. The goal is to become genuinely curious about another human being.

**BETTER QUESTIONS**

“What’s something you could talk about for hours?”

“What shaped you growing up?”

“What makes you feel most alive?”

“What’s something people misunderstand about you?”

**CURIOSITY**

opens the heart

lowers defensiveness

creates connection

helps us heal

**THIS WEEK**

be curious before becoming critical. Ask better questions. Listen longer

Stay present. Healthy love grows where curiosity stays alive.

Fear evaluates.

Love stays curious.

*All scriptures referenced are from the New International Version (NIV) translation of the Bible unless otherwise indicated.*