

## Letting God Fill the Empty Places in Our Hearts

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### Chapter 3

#### Message Notes

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Proverbs 19:22, "What a man [woman] desires is unfailing love."

The word "**desire**" comes from the Hebrew word *ta'avah*, which means to greatly long for, to deeply desire, or crave.

**Unfailing love** is mentioned \_\_\_\_\_ times in the Bible, but not once is it attributed to a \_\_\_\_\_; it is only attributed to something we can get from \_\_\_\_\_.

**Only God's unfailing love will \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ those deep longings and empty places in our hearts.** In fact, until God's love is " \_\_\_\_\_ " nothing else will be.

**It's almost as though we carry around an empty jar**, like Sam, the woman Jesus met at the well that day. We walk around holding out jar out hoping \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ will fill us.

We look to...

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Our \_\_\_\_\_ are full, our \_\_\_\_\_ are full, our \_\_\_\_\_ are full, our \_\_\_\_\_ are full. Yet we find ourselves with so many empty places. Why?

Because our hearts were created to be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ by God alone.  
The deepest thirst of our soul can only be \_\_\_\_\_ by Him.

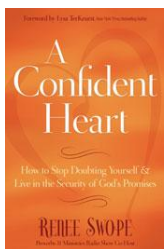
**We see this in the story of the Samaritan women. (John 4)**

Jesus wanted to help Sam see what she was looking to - to fill her - by being honest about her life and her empty places so that HE could fill them. Only then would she find confidence in the power of His love and start living in the security of His promises.

**So, what do we do?**

- Ask God to show us \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_ we are looking to for love, security and confidence.
- \_\_\_\_\_ we've looked to the \_\_\_\_\_ instead of Him as the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Put these gifts back in a place of \_\_\_\_\_ in our life, but not in a place of preeminence.

**Closing Thoughts:** "Let's take time this week to go to our Heavenly Father and ask Him to help us find what we're looking for. As we do, our hearts will become more and more confident through our relationship with Him. And the lasting security we long for will come each time we bring the empty well of our hearts to Jesus and ask Him to fill us with the promise of His unfailing love."



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