

Letting God Fill the Empty Places in Our Hearts

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Chapter 3

Message Notes

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.

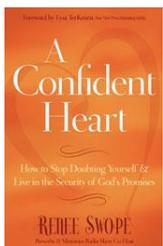
We see this in the story of the Samaritan women. (John 4)

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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