



Our Talk It Over is prepared each week by the teaching pastor and is designed to prompt insights, questions and dialogue based on the life experience of each listener. Using these in a group setting after hearing the message is similar to the practices of the early church in Israel.

A SIMPLE SUMMER: FINDING GOD IN EVERYDAY MOMENTS WEEK 2

1. How does our culture's messaging about finding "your other half" or someone to "complete you" potentially set people up for unrealistic expectations in marriage? What's the difference between being completed by someone versus being complemented by them?
2. How much weight should we give to family and friends' opinions about our relationships versus our own feelings? Share about a time when outside perspective (positive or negative) influenced an important relationship decision—were they right?
3. Why do you think people struggle so much with ending relationships that aren't right, even when they know it? What's the difference between being considerate and being trapped by false obligation when it comes to staying in relationships out of guilt rather than conviction?
4. What does it look like practically to seek someone "you have to run to keep up with" rather than someone you're "constantly dragging along" in different areas of life—spiritually, intellectually, emotionally? How do couples balance this with accepting each other's different paces and seasons of growth?
5. What are the practical advantages and challenges of following the traditional dating-engagement-marriage-cohabitation sequence versus the more common modern approach? How do we have these conversations with grace in our current culture?
6. If you're married, when did you last honestly evaluate whether you're becoming the kind of person YOUR spouse would want to spend the rest of their life with? What one area could you focus on improving? If you're single, what qualities are you developing in yourself that would make you a great life partner?

