

## LOVE LESSON #2: YOU CANT SHOW (OR SOW WHAT YOU DONT KNOW

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### 1: 3 Tips to "Show, Don't Tell" Emotions and Moods

*Don't like this video? Tutorial How To Play I Like You So Much, You'll Know It A Love So Beautiful OST PART 2 is for my friends, fans, and subscribers online who have been requesting me to.*

Related Media One Saturday morning when we lived in Southern California, we drove down from our mountain town to do some shopping in San Bernardino. When we got into town, to our horror we saw a large group of white-robed, pointed-hat Ku Klux Klan holding a rally at the park! It sent shivers down our spines! Sadly, racism is alive and well in America. Shamefully, it is often promoted by professing Bible-believing Christians. Most Klan chapters have chaplains, many of whom disgracefully are Baptist ministers! How can those who claim to know Christ so flagrantly disregard the plain command of James 2: The sad fact is that evangelical churches are often the most racially segregated place in America. As James says 3: It consisted of Jews and Greeks, slaves and slave-owners, worshiping together. Some have criticized the New Testament for not strongly condemning slavery. But if it had put an emphasis there, the gospel would have become eclipsed by the anti-slavery message, and Christianity could have been stamped out as a revolutionary movement that threatened the cultural status quo. James was particularly addressing the problem of showing partiality to the rich and disregarding the poor, but his words apply to any sort of partiality based on external factors: That seems pretty clear! Last week we looked at the first two reasons for why partiality is wrong: Today we come to the third reason 2: It emphasizes the authority of the law. James has just mentioned 2: As such, we must live under the law of the king. That law is contained in Scripture. The Bible is our authoritative rule of life. So we should always read and study it with a view to how it applies to our daily lives. James singles out the command from Leviticus In fact, they contend that if we do not love ourselves properly, we cannot love either God or our neighbor properly. So the first item of business is to focus on loving yourself! However, there are only two great commandments, not three: Love of self is assumed as the standard by which we must love our neighbor. And obviously, since men were born in such a state that they are all too much inclined to self-love”and however much they deviate from truth, they still keep self-love”there was no need of a law that would increase or rather enkindle this already excessive love. Hence it is very clear that we keep the commandments not by loving ourselves but by loving God and neighbor; Indeed, to express how profoundly we must be inclined to love our neighbors [Lev. So the point of the second great commandment is, you care about your own needs; show the same care for the needs of others. You care about your own feelings; show the same care for the feelings of others. You care about your own desires; show the same care for the desires of others. You care about how others treat you; treat them as you would want to be treated. To show partiality to the rich while you treat the poor with contempt, or to show partiality to a certain race, while treating those of another race as inferior, is to commit sin. He argues that if anyone keeps the entire law something that no one has ever done, but for sake of argument, he assumes that it is possible , but stumbles in one point, he is guilty of all. In other words, the law is a unity, like a chain. A single broken link breaks the chain. Or, the law is like a mirror or window. A single, small crack means that it is broken. We would be wrong to conclude from this that all the commands in the law are of equal importance, or that all sins are equal. Jesus said that the weightier provisions of the law are justice, mercy, and faithfulness, thus implying that other matters, such as tithing table spices, are less important Matt. The apostle Paul implied that sexual sins are worse than some other sins when he said 1 Cor. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body. Mental anger is sin, but it is worse sin to murder someone. You can be a good person in every other way, but if you break the law, you are a lawbreaker. For example, if a man is guilty of murder, when he goes before the court it does not matter if he has been a faithful husband and father, has never had a traffic ticket, has never robbed a bank, or has never beat up his neighbor. All that matters is, did he commit murder? If so, he is guilty of breaking the law. Why does James bring up 2: It may be that James again is anticipating the way his readers would respond to his argument thus far. He may

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go on to mention murder to imply that to commit partiality is to commit murder. For example, Jeremiah Also do not mistreat or do violence to the stranger, the orphan, or the widow; and do not shed innocent blood in this place. It is a big deal, just as adultery and murder are big sins. But, in fact, the individual commandments are part and parcel of one indivisible whole, because they reflect the will of the one Lawgiver. To violate a commandment is to disobey God himself and render a person guilty before him. As believers under grace, how do we know which commandments apply to us today? But, someone may ask, what about Sabbath-keeping, which was part of the Ten Commandments? Are Christians obligated to observe the Sabbath commandment today? I can only answer briefly here. I think that God designed that principle so that we would not neglect worshiping Him and also for our benefit, because we need to cease from our normal duties and spend time with the Lord and His people. That, James argues, is a serious matter, because it renders you guilty before God. We must speak and act as those who will stand before God for judgment 2: James makes two points here: Believers will be judged by the law of liberty 2: What does it mean, then, to be judged by the law of liberty? But even though we do not need to fear that awful judgment if we are in Christ, Paul wrote 2 Cor. The word bad literally means, worthless. Our sins have been judged and removed from us through the death of Christ. Those things that were done out of love for Christ and for His glory will be rewarded. Commenting on 2 Corinthians 5: The justification of the sinner, it is true, is by faith in Christ and not by works of his own; but the hidden root of faith must bring forth the visible fruit of good works. He may use this term to point to the fact of the new covenant that Jesus inaugurated. Rather than keeping the external rules of the old law, the new commandment of love is written on our hearts. Thus there is a new motivation, to do everything that we do out of love for God and for others. Our words need to be accompanied with godly actions. James is telling us to live in light of the fact that we will soon stand before Jesus Christ, who will reward us for our faithful obedience, but also save us through the fire as our worthless deeds go up in smoke. As I understand it, the first part of 2: Keep in mind, though, that the unbelievers described in the first part of the verse may profess to know Christ and be in the church. But their deeds show them to be those with dead faith, not genuine saving faith as James will go on to explain. If you profess to know Christ, but do not show mercy to those who are needy, your profession is worthless. When you stand before God, we will not receive mercy see Matt. Showing mercy to others demonstrates that you have already received mercy from God. As Jesus said Matt. Mercy, by definition, is unearned! Rather, mercy flows to others from those who have received it from God. They will receive mercy in its fullness at the final judgment. The last half of 2: In a way, these two ideas blend together, in that our attempts to show mercy are always imperfect. Conclusion After part one of this message on partiality last week, I received the following note from a teenager in the church. She said, Dear Pastor Cole, I enjoyed and learned from your sermon. But as sisters and brothers in Christ, as you said, we should not be judgmental of outward factors and appearances to our fellow Christians. So I learned from that. Thank you for this thoughtful sermon. She went on to thank me for writing an answer to another question that she had asked. That note made my day! If you think about it and ask Him to apply it to your heart, you will grow in practical deeds of love for those whom you might naturally despise or disregard. As you love your neighbor as yourself, you are fulfilling the royal law of the King! What is their real need?

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### 2: Fantasy Football: 10 Lessons Learned in Week 2 - The Fantasy Footballers Podcast

*Love the show? Fantasy Football: 10 Lessons Learned in Week 2 Fortunately, you don't really need to. Just start both and smile. I know). Thing is, we can.*

He told me he loved the idea of pool hall hustlers being on the road together. That really set the tone for me for what Room should be. These are made cheaply and quickly and fun and they just kinda have a little bit of an explosive energy to them because of that. How would you describe the show to those who missed the first season? Oh my god, like thousands of people. This show is literally confined to one room; do you find that challenging or freeing? I have based my whole career on trying to find interesting ways to be creative with limited resources. Having those limits to fight against keeps me inspired, so I really kind of dig it. This season seems to dabble in the supernatural and surreal. Why did you decide to include those elements? For better or worse, when my brother and I were coming up as filmmakers, we were branded as these sort of dramedy guys, and we made a career out of that. Room is kind of about exploding that and exploring other sides of ourselves â€” [to] achieve an experimental and explosive sort of Friday night environment. There are so many different genres from horror to comedy touched on in this show. Do you have one you prefer to write? There are a lot of fan theories about this show. Do you have any favorites? Any that are just flat out false? Purgatory, or something like that which I think is also very fun. Secretly we kind of keep me as an actor in reserve just in case someone drops out the day before I can always hop in. Is there anything you can tease about your role or the project? Michael Shannon in Room What lured you to a new streaming service like Apple? Well, you know, the creator and the cast of the show were first and foremost what brought me to it. I think if you look back at the moment when Netflix entered the array of original content and they took House of Cards out and put everything behind it, they were committed and went for it. I like to tuck myself away on Friday nights with my Room , and play in my little corner of the sandbox. Unibomber , and in between Togetherness. Room , Season 2 Premiere, Friday, November 9,

### 3: Mac Miller Tribute Show: How Each Artist Knew Him

*How to Show Love. In this Article: Showing Love through Words Showing Love through Daily Behavior Showing Love through Special Gestures Community Q&A Showing our love towards those who deserve it is an art and, like any art, it takes a good deal of practice.*

Worth crying for, even worth bleeding for. When you sing the right song, your life opens before you, and all the pain and sorrow become the bricks you build your castles with. You, Aaron Seavers, will build amazing things. I look forward very much to seeing that unfold. Meanwhile, Giles Mulder is out and proud but getting bashed for being who he is. They meet at a party and they instantly connect. They had one night together before they both part ways to go to college. But, both are left wanting more after they leave, even if it ended on a bit of a bad note. Never did Giles ever think that Aaron would end up going to his school and seeing him again. The first third of the book was really slow to me. It took forever for these two characters to come to speaking terms after their misunderstanding from that one night they shared. I wanted them to clear the air sooner, but that did not happen. Once it finally did happen I was able to get into it. I loved the musical aspect that was put into this book. Since Aaron is a singer and Giles is a violinist. There were many moments I really wanted to actually listen to the music that was being described. I think the music just made the story so much more better and emotional. I just really loved it. And there were many emotional parts that made me tear up. Some not even involving music. I hurt for Aaron so much during one scene. I liked some of the secondary characters, although there did seem to be quite a lot of them. But everything else I did enjoy. Something I really appreciated about these characters, is that Heidi knows how to make her young characters actually sound like young characters. She uses references to things young people use or talk about. That was something I really loved. I also really liked the cheesy ending. My heart was melting so bad. Overall, I may not have loved this one as much as the first, but I did enjoy it for the most part. I also really loved how Aaron and Giles finally came together. They were really cute together.

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### 4: Life Lesson Quotes ( quotes)

*Music video by Foreigner performing I Want To Know What Love Is. Best quality available on YouTube I do not own this material, I am just showing it to the rest of the world.*

But my goodness, what a week. Only one back topped 20 carries in the entire league Joe Mixon , with 21 and only three topped rushing yards â€” Matt Breida , Phillip Lindsay , and Tevin Coleman Meanwhile, two backs hit a monstrous 14 receptions â€” Christian McCaffrey and Saquon Barkley â€” good enough for third-most by an RB in NFL history, while 10 guys topped 50 receiving yards. While some of these elite receiving totals are coming from pass-catching specialists like Chris Thompson and James White , the real story is how the high-end fantasy stars are getting in the mix as well. Heck, even Jordan Howard has 8 catches for 58 yards this year! The Chargers are pulling a Saints and doling out fantasy goodness to a pair of running backs. Sophomore breakout Austin Ekeler. Through two weeks, Ekeler has 16 carries for yards and 8 receptions for yards, with a receiving touchdown to boot. His total scrimmage yards are the seventh-most in the league, and his obscene 7. While that efficiency is likely to drop as the season progresses, his usage in the LAC offense is effective and impressive. Currently, Diggs has the lead with 44 fantasy points on the back of yards and 3 TDs, but Thielen is close behind with They rank fourth and eighth in half-PPR scoring through two weeks, and both finished in the top three in Week 2 only A. Just start both and smile. While Alvin Kamara has gotten it done for fantasy through the air and in the end zone, the Saints are probably chomping at the bit for the return of Mark Ingram in Week 4. Meanwhile, the Saints are only by the grace of former Browns kicker Zane Gonzalez , who had every opportunity to send New Orleans into Week 3 winless and failed he no longer has a job. He is far and away the best receiver on the team, and his league-leading 28 receptions on a Granted, no one can keep up this kind of pace, and the return of Mark Ingram see above might shift the offense back towards the run a bit. For those of you who slept through Week 2, we saw a bit more. Mahomes now has 10 passing TDs through the first two weeks of the season, which has never been done in NFL history. His arsenal of receiving weapons, which we knew was good, is almost inarguably the best in the league. I personally invested in this lesson a couple days ago trading away Tom Brady to make way for Mahomes. While the sample size is still small, the evidence is too strong to ignore. Mahomes is a QB1 rest of season and has a very good chance at being the QB1 when all is said and done. They will change your life. Besides his hysterical getup, Fitzpatrick has shared another similarity with the infamous Conor McGregor: Granted a wealth of legitimate receiving weapons, FitzMagic is leading the league in passing yards and would be atop the list in touchdowns were it not for the other Patrick Mahomes, that is. But at least for one more week, enjoy the antics of the bearded sensation. Especially when it comes to putrid play on the offensive line, the Cardinals, Bills, Giants, and Seahawks are putting us in a bad place when it comes to fantasy reliability. David Johnson has totaled 85 rushing yards on 3. LeSean McCoy and every other player in Buffalo is a non-starter until further notice. Russell Wilson may not make it through the season after taking 6 sacks in each of the first two weeks for reference, the record-holder for sacks taken in a season, David Carr , averaged 4. Hopefully, a couple of these teams turn it around in the near future. But until we see marked improvement, all their relevant fantasy weapons take a slight to a major hit. Golladay actually leads the team in receiving yards , but he, Golden Tate , and Marvin Jones have all totaled at least 17 targets, yards, and a touchdown through two weeks. The Lions as a team have compiled the second-most targets to the WR in the entire league 69 and the second-most receiving yards behind only the magical Buccaneers. This is now a bit of a Rams situation, where any and all of Brandin Cooks , Cooper Kupp , and Robert Woods are startable on a weekly basis. We may not know who will lead the pack between Golladay, Tate, and Jones in a given week, but the most likely result is that all three have some value. Fortunately, the tape tells us what the numbers do not: Keelan Cole is probably the best option for fantasy. But Cole has been a step ahead of his teammates on tape through two weeks, including what is undoubtedly the best catch of the year.

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### 5: Fever Pitch (Love Lessons, #2) by Heidi Cullinan

*You don't need to know what flags to pass to open an image. You don't need to know that if the reading fails, it doesn't show an exception â€” it silently returns None.*

Photo by Alyssa L. As a writer, how do you develop mood in a short story or in the chapter of your novel without telling? In other words, can you make your readers feel something without writing like Stephenie Meyer or E. The twenty-three year old narrator feels he has already washed up and has exiled himself to a sparse town in the deserts of northern Mexico. Orscon Scott Card says one of the best ways to characterize is by talking about motivation. I found it hard to sleep at night. Before going to bed, I would make sure the door and the windows of my room were securely and tightly shut. Then I went back to bed and closed my eyes, but having drunk so much water I soon had to get up again to urinate. And since I was up I would check all the locks. This works so well because instead of using the word paranoid, he shows the author doing paranoid things. And later, it says: When we came out of the classroom, the director was waiting with two guys who turned out to be civil servants employed by the state of Durango. My first thought was: This is probably my favorite part of the story. On the horizon I could see the highway disappearing into the hills. Night was beginning to approach from the east. Days before, at the motel, I had asked myself, What color is the desert at night? A stupid question, yet somehow I felt it held the key to my future, or perhaps not so much my future as my capacity for suffering. Later on, we get even more description of the night, and the description reveals the dark thoughts of the narrator while also making the, somehow, beautiful. To use description to build mood, ask yourself what your character would notice in their state of mind. Focus on colors that seem to show his mood. Sometimes a short burst of telling can be worth paragraphs of showing. Your job as a writer is to figure out when to use which. Write for fifteen minutes. And if you post, please be sure to comment on a few pieces by other writers. You can follow him on Instagram [jhbunting](#).

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### 6: BET International | BETINTL

*Lesson 2: smile, god loves you AIM: That the children know that God loves them not because of what they have done, or what they look like or how much they have, but because He made them—they are His precious children.*

This knowledge can then be applied to other character traits, such as patience or responsibility. Here are 10 easy activities to teach children about love: Share the ways you like to feel love. Show your love for the earth. When we care about the environment, we care for it as best we can. Collect trash on the street, gather up recyclable items in your home, or do some gardening outside. Explain how actions must go along with our verbal expressions of love. We can show love to everyone and everything around us by looking out for what each person or thing needs to be happy and healthy. Make a list of people we love and people who love you. Make a list or create a photo album of family members and friends. Discuss the idea of love being limitless — no matter how many people we love, there is always more love in our hearts. Love is endless to receive and endless to give. This blood love allows us to live happily. Use masking tape or stones to make the outline of a heart on the ground. Have your child come up with ways to use the heart such as making it a race track, a collection area for stuffed animals or other favorite objects they love, or a place to sit in while they sing songs. Choose a song your child likes and make up actions or dance moves you can do together. Have a good time and savor the moments spending some time with someone you love. Being joyful helps us show and accept love. Talk about people you have met and the loving qualities they showed. Ask your child to remember a time when they met someone new and what they noticed about this person. Talk about if they felt comfortable and how they became friends. You may like to take turns pretending you are each a new person the other is meeting, and role play how you can show love to new friends. Talk about how someone may look different than us — such as being a different age, speaking a different language, or having a disability — but we love every person because each of us is special. Talk about unconditional love. When we feel true love, we love each other no matter what — both in good times and in hard times. Ask your child to think about some difficult situations you have faced, such as missing a friend or not getting something they wanted. We should love ourselves and each other whether we are happy or sad, and be patient and forgiving even when someone makes a mistake. This is called unconditional love because we love each other under all conditions. You can extend this lesson by drawing pictures of many different conditions in life. For younger children this may mean different environments or weather conditions, such as rain, snow, deserts, or oceans. Teach your child this sign or make up an original sign together for your own family to use to tell each other how much you love each other. You may like to use photographs to inspire ideas for showing love to different people such as grandparents, friends, teachers, and strangers. Sometimes we show love to different people in different ways and it is important to know the appropriate way for each person. Make a card for someone you love. Ask your child who they would like to make a card for and talk about why they chose that person. Is that person kind to them? Do they enjoy spending time with that person? Think about how that person makes you feel and how we can try to display those same qualities to other people around us. Make a card for the person and arrange to get it to them by post or by dropping it off in person. What other ways can we help children understand the quality of love?

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### 7: Third grade Lesson Show What You Know: A 2 Day Assessment

*Don't let yourself become the last priority; instead, do things do show yourself you care. Treat yourself to a massage or a bath. Do one thing every day that is just for you.*

It was difficult, caused a lot of tension with my partner, and I found myself having to figure how to apologize to the man I love a lot. I wanted to make it up to him in a big way that would go beyond just using my words to show my remorse and let him know I was sincerely sorry for what I had done. No matter how difficult it may be, however, owning up to your mistakes is essential to keeping your relationship healthy and happy for the long-term, and that applies both ways! Each partner needs to be able to admit when they get something wrong, as well as to do what it takes to make up for it. So, how can you make sure your apology is heartfelt as possible? Here are the 5 steps I took on my own path towards learning how to apologize to the man I love in a way that let him know I was sincere. Just say no to apologizing on social media. Keep all of your apologies offline, and try to avoid drunk dialing by temporarily removing their phone number from your phone. Put your thoughts on paper in a hand-written note. Keep any letters short and to the point, only using words you really mean. Own up to what you did, and be specific about what you have learned from your actions and how you intend to change. Make sure your apology comes from your heart, not your wallet. Make sure to select a place and time where you know it will be quiet and private. Offer a loving act as a gesture of your sincerity. Despite the aforementioned advice about not giving gifts, doing something like preparing them a home-cooked meal is always a great way to show someone you care about them. The smile and thanks were more worth the effort, and showing him how much he means to me definitely aided my apology. Remember that all wounds take time to heal. Your actions will speak louder than words. If you have learned your lesson and truly do change your ways, it will show over time. You may just need to weather the storm until it settles. It might take your partner a while to forgive you, so the best thing to do is give them the space they need, and likewise, let your partner know if you need space to forgive them for something as well. Apologizing is a vital part of being in a serious relationship. Do what you can to make it right and carry onward and upward.

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### 8: 3 Ways to Show Love - wikiHow

*"If you notice a person being unkind to someone else, don't fool yourself into thinking it will be different with you," says Weiner. Often, people show and tell everything you need to know.*

Oh, Steven, I have a great idea: You could have a little bake sale. Steven, you could just do a little table with some cookies and some brownies.. I could make brownies because [stands] people love brownies! Oh, they love my brownies! You dance with Mary Jane, you get your toes stepped on. Mother, I went there. You flunked out of there. Okay, you know what? Good for you, Steven. Well, I just, I have never been a breakfast person. Mom, if Daddy gets a job, can we stop eating dog food? Laurie, it is not dog food. And God, I hope so. Laurie and the Professor [2. We should talk to each other and listen. Your stupid father never listens. Is there anything in your book about not insulting my father? Oh, okay, no more talking about your father. So, how do you like the clogs I bought you? So, what does she need to do to get back into school? Well what do you think Laurie, are you willing to give it a go? You know Dad, I just saw the most interesting thing today. Oh Eric, do tell! Eric, Donna, Hyde, Kelso, and Jackie: You mean to tell me this whole time you could have been buying us beer?! Well, Eric ruined your life. Kelso and Laurie are in the forward section of the van] Kelso: So, you wanna shift? And now, another episode of Point Place. What have I become? But I am leaving you for Dr. He has a job. What do you have, Red Forman? What do you have? Will I ever work again? Penny for your thoughts. I Love Cake [2. How do you do that? You always make me feel better. Uhm, well thank you. I love you, Eric. I would like to introduce to you all the new Michael Kelso! Yeah, if Brando had a buddy named Potsie! What are you even saying? Jackie, did you dress me up like the Fonz? No Michael, I did not dress you up like the Fonz! Fonz, yes or no? Well you know me Kelso, I just want you to be happy. Now, if I could just have a moment of your time? Help us Fonzie, you are our only hope! Well you can both just So, do you like photos, man? Okay, you got the job, man. No one else showed up, man. So, what do I do here, anyway? If you see one of these huts, could you give me a call, man? Or even better, I could take a picture. Whoa, a picture of a Photo Hut. Man, keeping the government out of it. No, my big brother, man. I gotta go, uh, do a thing at, uh, a place. Yeah, man, I hear that. Hey, but can I have Saturday night off? You mean that girl who spent last night in my bed? She went home this morning. Eric Gets Suspended [2. Bob blames Eric for Donna failing English. Well, I guess the truth hurts. So does a swift kick in the ass. But a swift kick in the ass is not the solution to everything, Forman! I gotta disagree, Bob! Bob and Midge are also present, with their own dates] Red: I wish everyone would shut up! I do not keep secrets from you. I am going insane! Kelso, if you want to possess a woman, this is what you need to do [takes Jackies hand] I as a mortal, am not worthy of your love, you are a goddess, and I worship you. And I dedicate every moment of my waking life to your joy Never stop amusing yourself. Unless it starts to chafe. Then you should take a week off. This is the best water heater ever. God bless us, every one. Do you know why Tiny Tim walked with a crutch? Because he had a smart mouth? Well Kelso, not everything in the Constitution makes sense. Whoa, Fez, shut up. You know what really makes you horny? Beet farmers with like, ten, 15 kids. You know, Michael, Mrs. Sometimes, I wish you had two girlfriends. Oh my God, are you serious? Not to me, freak. You are so going to end up in porno! Right to the bar. Not a good sign. What are you all looking at? Yeah, I got it! Hey, you know what?

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*They don't take enough risks with each other at first but as they grow into themselves they grown into friendship and a deep abiding love. This is a really grand romance. The whole cast is wonderful.*

Sometimes they have to invent new tricks and find new people, but they manage to do a thriving business. Our enemy, Satan, has a con game that he has used for centuries. He never changes it, but it still works like a charm. I have seen spiritually vibrant young people throw their lives away by marrying unbelievers. Usually, it seems to be Christian young women who marry unbelieving men, although occasionally the pattern is reversed. When you ask why they are doing this, you hear rationalizations, such as: God has made it abundantly plain that it is sin for His children to marry an unbeliever. The unbeliever came to faith in Christ and today they have a fine Christian family. But that should not encourage us to sin that grace may abound! That is the message of Malachi 2: From the contemporaneous books of Ezra 9, 10 and Nehemiah In fact, they were even divorcing their Jewish wives to marry these foreign women Mal. Through the prophet, the Lord warns His people against the sins of marrying unbelievers and divorce. For a believer to marry an unbeliever is to sin grievously against God. Our text unfolds four aspects of this sin: Marrying an unbeliever is a grievous sin against the God who made us His people. He created and formed the nation Isa. He entered into a covenant with the fathers of the nation, singling them out from all others on earth. As their all-wise heavenly Father, God has the right to tell His people whom they can and cannot marry. If you know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, you are not your own. You have been bought with the blood of Christ. You are only free to marry as the Lord directs in His Word. His will is always that you marry a believer, not an unbeliever. Marrying an unbeliever is a grievous sin against the God who wants His people to be holy separate unto Him. God is holy, meaning that He is totally separate from sin. He calls His people to be holy also Lev. Here the Lord charges Judah with profaning the covenant 2: God had said that He would dwell among them and they would be His people Lev. You may think that marrying an unbeliever is unwise, or perhaps a minor sin. But God calls it an abomination 2: That Hebrew word is used elsewhere to refer to idolatry, witchcraft, sacrificing children to idols, and to homosexuality Deut. It is not a gray area! To underscore how grievous this sin is to the Lord, I want to take you on a quick tour through the biblical witness against it. The principle runs throughout the Bible: Satan used wrongful marriage to corrupt the human race, leading to the judgment of the flood. Two generations later, the godless Esau married two unbelieving wives. It is emphasized repeatedly Gen. So God sovereignly had Joseph sold into slavery in Egypt, resulting in the whole family of Jacob moving there, where they eventually became slaves for years. This drastic treatment solidified the people as a separate nation and prevented them from intermarriage with the heathen. Later, through Moses, God warned the people not to intermarry with the people of the land Exod. One of the most formidable enemies that Moses had to face was Balaam, who counseled Balak, king of Moab, against Israel. God prevented Balaam from cursing Israel. But Balaam counseled Balak with an insidious plan: Corrupt the people whom you cannot curse. Get them to marry your Moabite women. The plan inflicted much damage, until Phinehas took bold action to stop the plague on Israel Num. The wicked Jezebel, a foreign idolater, established Baal worship during the reign of her weak Jewish husband, Ahab 1 Kings Jehoshaphat, who was otherwise a godly king, nearly ruined the nation by joining his son in marriage to Athaliah, daughter of Ahab and Jezebel 1 Chron. His son, Jehoram, who married Athaliah, slaughtered all of his brothers and turned the nation to idolatry. God struck him with disease and he died after eight years in office. His son Ahaziah became king and lasted one year before being murdered. Then the wicked Athaliah made her move. She slaughtered all her own grandsons except one, who was hidden and ruled in wickedness for six years. After the captivity, when Ezra heard that some of the returned remnant had married women of the land, he tore his garment, pulled some of the hair from his head and beard, and sat down appalled. Just a few years later, Nehemiah discovered that some Jews had married Canaanite women. The New Testament is equally clear: Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has

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a believer in common with an unbeliever? Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? When Paul gave instructions for those in Corinth who were married to unbelievers 1 Cor. Rather, he was giving counsel to those who had become believers after marriage, but whose spouses had not. In 1 Corinthians 7: My point is, there is a principle that runs throughout the Bible: God wants His people to be set apart unto Him. This especially applies to the major life decision of whom you marry. It never is His will for His people to join in marriage to unbelievers. Thus for a believer to marry an unbeliever is to sin grievously against the God who made His people, who calls them to be holy. Marrying an unbeliever is a grievous sin against the God who loves His people. It is because of His love that God sets forth such strong standards of holiness for His people. Sin always causes damage. Holiness brings great joy. So we run away from home, where we can eat all the junk food we want and never brush our teeth. My mother was wrong! So you go out again and again. Your feelings for him are growing stronger. The kisses become more passionate, and they feel good. You feel loved and special. Soon, your physical involvement has gone too far and your conscience bothers you. It will all work out. As a Christian, you need to make an up-front surrender of your life to God, trusting that He loves you and knows what is best for you. That includes His commandment for you not to marry an unbeliever. Marrying an unbeliever is a grievous sin against the God who disciplines His people. In fact, it stems from it: If I love my child, when he does wrong I will correct him strongly enough to deter him from taking that course of action again. They will see your half-hearted commitment, seen in your disobedience in marrying an unbeliever. They will also see the pleasure-oriented, materialistic lifestyle of the unbelieving parent. But no one should disobey God and hope for their case to be the exception! God looks for obedience, not sacrifice. Your children will suffer for your disobedience. For a believer to marry an unbeliever is not only to sin against God. We never sin in private. Our actions are interwoven with the fabric of society. If we defile our part of the fabric, the whole fabric is affected. It matters a great deal, of course! There are three ways that you hurt other believers if you marry an unbeliever: The idea is that treachery involves deceit or cover-up. When one Jew saw his neighbor act as if there were no such relationship, he would be tempted to act in a similar manner. No Christian guys are available. If you marry an unbeliever, you link the people of God by covenant to idolaters. Pusey, The Minor Prophets [Baker], p.

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