

# RECONCILABLE DIFFERENCES

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## INTRODUCTION

All relationships can be challenging, and marriage is no exception. Nobody enters into marriage hoping for the worst, but, too often, when differences are discovered in that relationship, they seem irreconcilable. How does a promise of love become a seemingly insurmountable difference? What if our irreconcilable differences could be . . . reconciled? Find the hope that can come with saying "I do."

## USING THIS GUIDE

1. Print a copy of the guide for each member of your group.
  2. Watch the video as a group and use the guide to following along and take notes.
  3. Complete the discussion questions when prompted by the video.
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## VIDEO NOTES

## TALK ABOUT IT

1. Which parts of Gavin's story can you relate to?
2. Though it's not easy to admit, there are times when all of us expect reciprocation from our spouses.

What have you done, hoping to get something in exchange for your efforts? What did you hope to get? (Gavin joked about doing the dishes so he could get a "free pass" to play golf.)

How did you react when your spouse didn't reciprocate the way you had hoped? (Chantal's response was NOT what Gavin expected.)

3. In the message, Gavin said, “Jesus’ love for us was never earned. It was never deserved.” Does that match what you were first taught about God? How do you feel about God’s love now?
  
4. John 13:34 says, “As I have loved you, so you must love one another.” Despite his familiarity with the verse, Gavin realized he hadn’t been loving like Jesus at all. In fact, Gavin’s version of John 13:34 included some “rewrites”:
  - Love one another when he/she deserves to be loved.
  - Love one another the way you want to be loved.
  - Love one another so that he/she will love you in return.

Do any of these hit close to home for you?

5. Gavin didn’t change the way he served his wife, but his motivation changed. What will you do/continue to do this week without any conditions attached—just because you want to love your spouse as Jesus loves you?