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SERIES When we envision a dream home, we think of a luxurious house featuring all the latest trends. But a house doesn't make a home. What if the ideal home isn't one with rich with features, but rich in godliness? How do we make our godly dream homes a reality?

Despite betrayals and broken promises in relationships, God assures us that love never fails and, in fact, is an important foundation in building our dream home.

1. In what way does love already positively impact your home?
2. The characteristics of love are: never writing someone off; fighting the urge to retaliate; not keeping score; drawing boundaries; and mourning loss but moving forward. Which of these traits of love is hardest for you to put in action? In what ways can relationships be sabotaged without these love actions?
3. What does it mean to “love like you’ve never been hurt?” How would you take these actions and traits of loving and apply it to the situations in which you *have* been hurt? Can you give examples?
4. What types of boundaries are important to draw in relationships? What are the effects of having no boundaries? Was there a time when you created a boundary with positive results?
5. Ephesians 4:25-5:2 connects being truthful and honest to showing love and forgiveness. How and why do you think they are so closely related? How do honesty and forgiveness relate to the guidelines Pastor David gave us from 1 Corinthians 13?
6. What daily reminder can you implement to focus on love in your dream home (i.e. David’s Heinz 57 ketchup bottle)? List practical actions of ways to love the people in your life.
7. What does Romans 5:1-11 and 2 Corinthians 5:11-21 tell us about the Ministry of Reconciliation? Based on these verses, what is a Christ-follower’s job?

Proverbs 10:12 says, “Hatred stirs up conflict, but love covers all wrongs.” How would love transform your dream home? Why not prayerfully consider how God wants you to put love in action this week?