

“Ripped Off by Relationships”

3 BIG LIES

I am what **I have**.

I am what **I do**.

I am what **people** say about me.

What a man desires, what a woman desires, is **unfailing** love.

Psalm 89:2 NLT

Your unfailing love will last forever.

Your faithfulness is as enduring as the heavens.

Theory: Good relationships are possible, but they are not probable.

In marriage, we take two mistake prone, sinful, fallible people and try to produce one bliss filled problem free relationship. It's not that we can't live happily ever after but that living happily ever after requires MUCH work on the part of each of the mistake prone, sinful, fallible people in the marriage to make it happen.

“It's really scary knowing **someone else** has been living my life.”

“The price of **acceptance** is too high if it cost you who you are.” Bob Goff

“If we want to truly love, we must return again and again to the great love of the Great Lover.” Brennan Manning

Your **perception** is your reality.

How you see God is your perception of who God is. What is your mental picture of God?

“What **comes** into our minds when we **think about God** is the most important thing about us.” A.W. Tozer

John 14:9 NLT

Jesus replied, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don't know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! So why are you asking me to show him to you?”

Colossians 1:16b NLT

Everything was created ***through*** him and ***for*** him.

Unfailing **LOVE** of God

Psalm 32:10b NLT

.....unfailing love surrounds those who trust the LORD.

Psalm 33:5 NLT

He loves whatever is just and good;
the unfailing love of the LORD fills the earth.

Psalm 36:7 NLT

How precious is your unfailing love, O God!
All humanity finds shelter
in the shadow of your wings.

Psalm 130:7 NLT

..hope in the LORD; for with the LORD there is unfailing love. His redemption overflows.

Psalm 17:7-8 NLT

Show me your unfailing love in wonderful ways. By your mighty power you rescue those who seek refuge from their enemies. Guard me as you would guard your own eyes. Hide me in the shadow of your wings.

Psalm 68:5-6 NLT

Father to the fatherless, defender of widows— this is God, whose dwelling is holy.
God places the lonely in families; he sets the prisoners free and gives them joy.

Ephesians 3:16-19 NLT

I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand (to grasp), as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

Grasp--- "to eat all the way through"