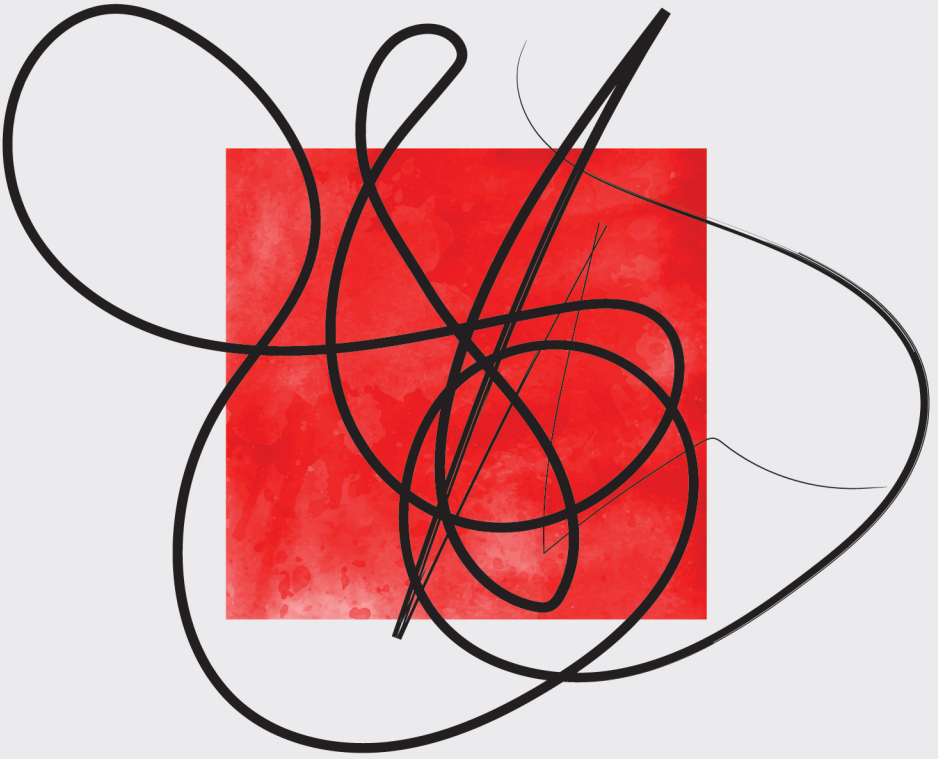


# LOVE OUTSIDE THE LINES



BEYOND THE BOUNDARIES OF RACE,  
DIFFERENCE, AND PREFERENCE

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# VISION IN THE VALLEY

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HEART CHECK

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- As you read this chapter, what did God reveal to you about your own heart?
- Do you notice any rifts in your own family or church community? What is one thing you can do today to bring some healing to that divide?
- God called Abraham to step outside his usual boundaries. What are some lines God may be calling you to step over, and who are some people God may be calling you to?

## FAMILY DISCUSSIONS

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HEART CHECK

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- What emotions were you feeling during the family discussion in this chapter?
- What lines do you have in your lineage? Who are people that your family, through the generations, has considered to be “other”?
- Who is one person that is outside the artificial lines your culture has drawn that you could learn to listen to this week? What would it look like to call them, ask them about their experience, and then just take time to listen instead of responding?

## SELLOUT OR SOLD OUT?

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### HEART CHECK

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- After reading this chapter, what do you think it means to be sold out? Would you consider yourself sold out? Why or why not?
- What are some of the invisible boundaries you run into? What are some of the invisible boundaries you notice other people running into?
- What are the cultural norms that you have valued in your life over kingdom culture?

## A DIFFERENT APPETITE

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HEART CHECK

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- What is your response after reading this chapter? How do you find yourself taking sides rather than seeking to understand different experiences?
- What is your Samaria, your uttermost? Who or what is a person, place, or problem in the area of race relations that you have been avoiding? Why do you think you've been avoiding it and what would it look like to address it?
- Have you noticed yourself developing a new appetite for working toward unity? What actionable things can you do to bring life, healing, and satisfaction to yourself?

## GOD'S GUMBO

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HEART CHECK

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- Does your heart posture tend to line up more with the story in Genesis 11 or Acts 2? When you are honest with yourself, are you striving to make a great name for yourself or are you striving for unity? Where do you see this in your life?
- What moments did you notice this week where people appeared to be outcasts or uncomfortable? How can you invite them in and help them feel comfortable in those moments?
- What is one way you can be the salt that brings out everyone else's flavors this week? How can your presence in someone's life honor the person God made them to be?

## GOD'S MASTERPIECE

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HEART CHECK

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- Can you relate to my marriage struggles at all? Even if you aren't married, have you ever had a great friendship or a relationship that survived a struggle?
- When are the moments you've found it most difficult to believe that you are God's masterpiece?
- If love is the antidote, what do you think it looks like for you personally to carry love into the world?



# BREAK THE STEREOTYPES

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HEART CHECK

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- Can you resonate with Maya's experience at Hersheypark? When have you been told you couldn't do something or go somewhere that other people were allowed to go?
- Have you ever felt like the bad tie that everyone is staring at? What do you remember about that experience? How did it make you feel?
- What did you learn about stereotypes while reading this chapter? If you are being honest, what are some of the negative stereotypes you've believed, at one time or another, about a certain group of people? Where did that stereotype come from and how can you move past it?

## BE IN ON IT

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### HEART CHECK

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- When is the last time you had a fruitful conversation with someone who didn't look like you? How did the conversation begin?
- How have you allowed comfort to hinder you from pursuing relationships with diverse people?
- As you notice any unforgiveness in your heart, where did it come from and how is it keeping you from having conversations?
- Who is one person you can reach out to today who will force you to get outside your comfort zone?

## THE GAME PLAN

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HEART CHECK

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- When you take an honest look at your heart, is there still a stump of bitterness there? Have you been trying to cut off the branches instead of removing the stump? If so, where did the stump come from and how can you start removing the roots?
- Where have you missed opportunities to love outside the lines recently? What could you have done differently? What will you do when you are given the opportunity again?
- How has fear paralyzed you in this area in the past? Are you willing to take the shot now? Specifically, what will that look like in your life?
- If you are honest, do you want to give up? What is one line, or big idea, from this book that you can carry with you to motivate you to keep going when you want to quit?