

# Love One Another

THE SECRETS TO SUSTAINED HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

## **PART 2: NOT YOUR OWN**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The oldest human problem, and the first one recorded in the Bible, is isolation. As a society, we're becoming increasingly isolated, insulated, and independent, and it has reached the crisis level. This series will help us learn how to create a culture of life-sustaining relationships, which we all need.

### **KEY SCRIPTURE**

2 Samuel 11:1-15

2 Samuel 12:1-7

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. At what age would you say you established independence? What was your independence marked by?
2. Read 2 Samuel 11:1-4. Notice David's "independence progression:" He stays behind, on his own (11:1). He devalues family (11:2-3). He elevates himself (11:2). And he focuses only on himself (11:4). How did his independence and isolation blind him?
3. Read 2 Samuel 11:11. How does Uriah's connectedness to his community compare with David's disconnectedness and isolation?
4. Thinking about your own life, describe a time when your disconnectedness has blinded you to impending disaster or hurt.
5. Describe a time when your interconnectedness has provided health, support, or protection.
6. "One Another" occurs more than 100 times in the New Testament. What is one "one another" command that comes to mind right now? How will you obey that command today?
7. Read 2 Samuel 12:1-7. Who is your "Nathan"? Who are you a "Nathan" for?

**Application Prayer:** Lord Jesus, help me connect with other members of your family. I commit to love you by loving others.