



Love at Last Sight

Part 4

April 10th - Pastor Ken Ballard Jr.

The Art of Risking Awkwardness

John 1:14 (NLT) “So the Word became human and made his home among us.”

Mark 2:1-5; 11-12 (NLT) “When Jesus returned to Capernaum several days later, the news spread quickly that He was back home. Soon the house where He was staying was so packed with visitors that there was no more room, even outside the door. While He was preaching God’s word to them, four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat. They couldn’t bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above His head. Then they lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, ‘My child, your sins are forgiven...Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!’ And the man jumped up, grabbed his mat, and walked out through the stunned onlookers. They were all amazed and praised God, exclaiming, ‘We’ve never seen anything like this before!’ ”

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R – _____.

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Galatians 6:2 (NIV) “Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”

2 Corinthians 1:4 (MES) “He comes alongside us when we go through hard times, and before you know it, he brings us alongside someone else who is going through hard times so

that we can be there for that person just as God was there for us.”

I – _____.

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S – _____.

Two Things that Stop Us from Opening Up

1. We are afraid of _____.

2. We are afraid of _____.

K – _____.

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James 1:27 (NIV) “Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.”

Bible versions key: NIV-New International Version, CEV- Contemporary English Version, GN-Good News Bible, NLT-New Living Translation, NCV-New Century Version, MES-The Message

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