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BECAUSE OF LOVE, HAPPY COUPLES

... **decide** they owe each other everything
but are owed nothing in return

... **engage** in a submission competition

... sometimes **throw** things

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1 Corinthians 13: 1-7 (MSG)

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If I speak with human eloquence and angelic
ecstasy **but don't love, I'm nothing** but the
creaking of a rusty gate. ² If I speak God's Word
with power, revealing all his mysteries and
making everything plain as day, and if I have faith
that says to a mountain, "Jump," and it jumps,
but I don't love, I'm nothing.

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3-7 **If I give everything** I own to the poor and even go to the stake to be burned as a martyr, **but I don't love, I've gotten nowhere.** So, no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, **I'm bankrupt without love.**

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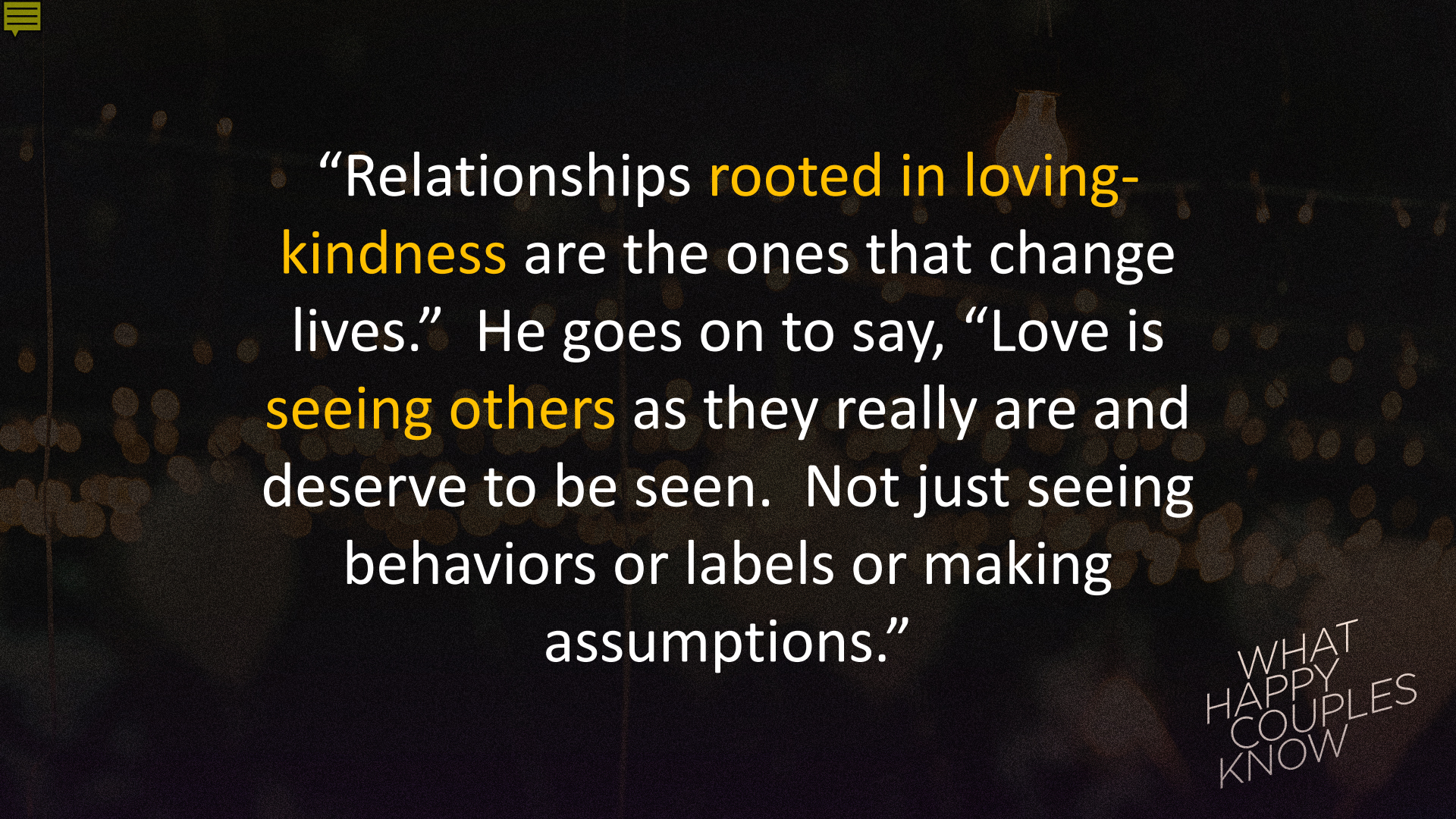
Love never **gives up**.
Love **cares** more for **others** than for self.
Love **doesn't want** what it doesn't have.

Love doesn't **strut**,
Doesn't have a **swelled head**,
Doesn't **force itself** on others,
Isn't always "**me first**,"
Doesn't **fly off** the handle,

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Doesn't **keep score** of the sins of others,
Doesn't **revel** when others grovel,
Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth,
Puts up with **anything**,
Trusts God always,
Always looks for the **best**,
Never looks **back**,
But **keeps going** to the end.

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“Relationships **rooted in loving-kindness** are the ones that change lives.” He goes on to say, “Love is **seeing others** as they really are and deserve to be seen. Not just seeing behaviors or labels or making assumptions.”

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Could we have **happy marriages**?

Could we have **fulfilling relationships**?

Could we **engage with the world** the way that we
are called to engage with the world?

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Happy Couples know **it's a choice.**

Happy couples know true **love** is being **transformed** and then living in the **identity** of the transformation.

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