

# That Crazy Little Thing Called Love

## Track Three: Things People Say

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### Scripture

“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.” -- Ephesians 4:29-5:2 (NIV)

### Message Takeaways

- God cares more about who you are becoming than who you are seeking.
- “The breakup excuse “It’s not you, it’s me” is actually a true statement.
- Words are powerful. Words have influence. They make or break our relationships.
- You get more of what you affirm. Affirm what you want to grow.
- There is a gap between our proclamation and our performance.
- God does his best work when we let him work in our gaps.
- Our words begin to change when we ask God to change our hearts.
- There is always hope. Don’t stop believing!

### Three people who need wholesome words:

Home –

Work –

Friends –

Words kill, words give life; they’re either poison or fruit—you choose. -- Proverbs 18:21 (The Message)

Your words show what is in your hearts. -- Matthew 12:34b (CEV)

Your father knows what you need. -- Luke 12:30 (NIV)



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