

**PART 1: Relational Ambush**

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## START

We will all face storms eventually in life. All of our storms are different and vary in intensity. What or who we build our foundation on will determine how we weather the storms of life that come our way.

- Why is an important foundation critical during the storms of life?
- What foundations have you tried to build your life on that have failed?

## READ

[Genesis 37:26-27](#) (NIV)

“Judah said to his brothers, ‘What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? Come, let’s sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood.’ His brothers agreed.”

## THINK

Relational ambush always hurts. The closer the relationship, the deeper the hurt. The deeper the hurt, the greater desire is to retaliate. Retaliation feels good. It grants us perceived justice to the one who has hurt us. However, in the end retaliation only continues to make things worse.

- When have you been relationally ambushed?
- How did you react to being ambushed?

Instead of retaliating we need to recalibrate. We must take a step back and seek understanding and wisdom from God on how we should respond and learn from what happened.

- When you hurt relationally, what does love require of you?
- How can you bring honor to God when you are dishonored?
- Who is someone in your life that you can seek wise counsel from?

## PRAY

“God, when the storms of life come my way, help me to continually set you as my foundation. When I am relationally ambushed, help me to not retaliate but to recalibrate and respond with your direction.”

## ACT

This week, take some time recalibrating from relational ambush. What does love require of you, how can you honor God, and who do you need to seek wise counsel from?

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