



## Sermon Based Questions

*"That Ship Has Sailed: One of a Kind"* – Nathan Blais

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### Share

1. Share a funny example of a time when you communicated one thing ... but something else was heard. Where did the communication break down?
2. From the four "boats/colors," which did you **most relate to** most in the message and panel, and why?

### Discuss

3. Read **Ephesians 4:29**. In your words, what does it require of our speech? Where do you see "their need" vs. "my preference" in this verse?
4. Read **2 Corinthians 5:17–18**. How does being a "new creation" empower us to practice reconciliation in strained relationships?
5. The message traced broken relationships from **Genesis 3–4** (Adam/Eve, Cain/Abel) and God's move toward people (Noah). How does that arc connect to **John 3:16–17**; **Romans 5:8**; **1 John 4:9–10**?

### Reflect

6. Which temperament(s) are hardest for you to love / listen to, and what does that reveal about your own filters?
7. Think of a recent conflict: what was **said**, what was **heard**, and which "color" lens might have shaped each side? What would Ephesians 4:29 have helped in that moment?
8. Jesus' summary in **Matthew 22:37–39** includes "love your neighbor **as yourself**." Where do you need God to reconcile things **within** you (identity, pace, needs) so you can love others from a secure place?

### Apply

- Ask some of the "homework" prompts this week with a key relationship and listen.
  - a. What's more important to you – the destination (goal) or the journey (process)?
  - b. When you face a new challenge, what's your first instinct?
  - c. What communicates love and care to you?
- Decide when and with whom—then share your plan.
- Identify one concrete speech shift that meets **their** needs (tone, timing, brevity/detail, story/data).