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COOKING THE BOOKS FOR PEOPLE

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Malachi 2:10-17

1. Breaking faith with God.

Malachi 2:10

- **We build love in midair.**

Malachi 2:11-12

- **We build love on our words not God's.**

Malachi 2:17

2. Breaking faith with People.

Malachi 2:15-16

- **We expect too much.**

- **We forgive too little.**

Growth Group Homework - January 26, 2020

Warm-Up

1. Have you ever received or given an unexpected gift? What was it? What was that like?
2. Growing up, did your family talk through conflict or sweep it under the carpet?

Talk It Over

3. Looking back at your notes from this week's message, what did you find most challenging or helpful?
4. Read Colossians 3:12-14. Why do you think it's important to remember God's love and forgiveness of us as we interact with others?

- In your experience, what happens when you try to love others without considering what God has done for you?

- Are there any personal indicators that your love has the wrong foundation?

5. Read Luke 15:11-32. Love has a vertical dimension between us and God and a horizontal one between us and others. How do you see the two dimensions of love at work in this story?

- What is the significance of the younger son saying, "I have sinned against heaven and against you?" verses 18 & 21.
- What can we learn from the younger son's example when asking for forgiveness?
- What do you think of the older son's choice not to forgive his brother? How does that impact the relationship with his father?

Take It Home

6. What is one thing from this discussion that you would like to put into practice this week?