

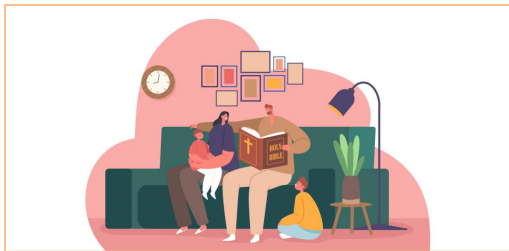
BUILDING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

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All aspects of life involve relationship. Without relationships, we die because we were created to relate. Moreover, the only way to live a truly good life is to have a close relationship with God. If we are anchored in the love of God, we will also act, think, and speak according to God's standard. We will be defined by the goodness of the Lord.



1. **Lent is a time for prayer.** It is a time for rebuilding what was destroyed by sin and a restoration of what was broken. It is a call for communion, for unity, and for going back.
2. **God conquers sin.**
 - 2.1. Sin alienates us from one another, but the love of God reunites us with each other. Because of sin, our relationship with God is destroyed. However, the love of God takes away this alienation. He calls us to be reunited with Him.
 - 2.2. There is always “famine” in the heart of a person who moves away from God. A person separated from God becomes self-centered and concerned only with his/her own needs and wants.
 - 2.3. It is the lack of love that burns out a person because a person who is filled with love does not get exhausted. Everything is easy for a person who loves; but, for someone who has no love, everything is difficult. A person feels an emptiness when his/her heart is no longer connected to God.

3. We need to build a healthy relationship with God.

- 3.1. Building our relationship with God is a call for us to live life to the fullest. A person who abides in God looks young, energetic, and beautiful, because true beauty comes from within.
- 3.2. Building our relationship with God is about our recognition of His breath in us. We were formed out of dust. It is God's breath that gave us life (Gen. 2:7). That means, apart from God, we die.
- 3.3. This is why a person who is connected with God also acts, thinks and speaks according to God's standard. He/She is defined by the goodness of the Lord, sees how God sees; and knows and understands how God knows and understands. He/She is person filled with goodness.

CONCLUSION:

Let us open our hearts to the love of God. Allow Him to love us. Let us surrender everything to God, including our sins, struggles, and weaknesses. It is only through Him that we will truly live. May this season of Lent bring us back to Him.

REFLECTIONS:

- 1) How is your relationship with God at this stage in your life? Do you still seek Him constantly?
- 2) How has God's love affected your relationship with others? When people look at you, do they see God in you?

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