



*February 2011*

*From the Pastor*



*Keeping Your Love  
Relationship Alive*

It is February, the month of love. I remember as a single person I didn't think much of February. If I thought about it at all, I thought about how I was not dating anyone. Therefore, I understand as a pastor that if I write to you about ways to help your love relationships and you're not married and not dating, you'll stop reading right now.

Instead, I want to write to you about a love relationship you have whether you're married or single. That is your love relationship with God. I want to tell you about ways you can improve on your love relationship with God.

The first thing I want to say is God loves you deeply and that doesn't change. Your sin will not change the fact that God loves you. Your good works will not make God love you more. God always loves you with a deep intense love. That is God's side of your love relationship with Him.

I want to talk to you about your side of the love relationship with God. Let me give you some practical ways to turn up the fire of your love relationship with God.

First, spend time with God. All relationships need time. Have you set aside regular time to meet with God, the Person who loves you? Have you ever had a date with God? I'm serious. A date with God is a special time where

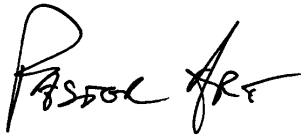
you get away from everything and everyone else and just get alone with God for a long while. Make sure that you are getting together with your God.

Second, read the Love Letters from God. Those who love you, write you love letters and reading them rekindles the love you have for them. Have you read God's love letters? God has given you the Bible , His set of love letters just for you. Do you take time to read God's words to you daily? Spend time reading His love letters.

Third, talk with God. When you love someone, you want to talk with him/her. Prayer is God's gift to you to spend time talking with Him. There are times when you may not have the right words for the situation, but that's okay. God knows how you feel. He listens to your words, and He also listens to the groanings in your heart that words cannot express. Talk to God.

God loves you. Allow His love to enter into your life.

In Him and for His Glory,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pastor Aré". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "P" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.