

# Christian Seeking Identity

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Greeting Family & Friends,

Suzan and I pray that you and your families are doing well and enjoying Gods best. We recently arrived home from our last trip which was to Quito, Ecuador where we worked with a church doing an evangelistic seminar.



*Teaching the seminar on Evangelism in Retacor Church*

The pastors as well as the congregation members we all blessed. The fact that we could say this was due to the testimonies that we heard after we put the seminar teachings into practical practice in a park. When you teach a person or a group of persons about the basic “love of God” and how He wants to use you to share that love with those that do not yet know Him or His love, it becomes a Love Story. That is exactly what we heard as we listened to their testimonies.



*Some of the church members that received the teaching and then experienced the power of God working through them in the park.*

Sometimes, as we go through our lives with the Lord we lose track of our own personal “Love Story” with our heavenly Father. In this month’s newsletter Suzan explains how this is something that she herself experienced in her life and how God renewed her unto Him. It is a true Love Story.

We pray that it will be a blessing to you in your own personal relationship with your heavenly Daddy.

*God Bless you!  
Your friends,  
Mickey & Suzan*

## Get Away with Him!

What does your relationship with Jesus look like? Jesus said that he loves you [his bride] just like he loves himself. **Ephesians 5:25** Have you lost sight of that love? Do you find yourself feeling inferior and underserving of that love? Has the spark gone out of your romance with Him? Do you find that being a Christian [being married to Jesus] is harder than you thought it would be? Perhaps it’s time to submit yourself to his counseling because Jesus never intended for the relationship that he has with you to turn out like this! I have always had a hard time feeling loved by God and I think that it is because I started out my relationship with Jesus on the wrong foot! I was not totally honest with Him when we repeated our vows together. I said what I thought he wanted to hear, even though it was not exactly what I believed in my heart!

**Romans 10:10** *For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

I never felt like I was good enough for Jesus. I did not feel like I was righteous. I felt like I was a disappointment to him. I never felt worthy of his love. I had an inferiority complex and this made it impossible to have a relationship with Him based on love.

Let me explain this in another way. A few years ago we met a woman from Egypt and she shared with us the details concerning her marriage. In her culture, marriages are arranged by the parents. When it came time to marry, she did not marry because she fell in love with the man that her parents chose. She married him because it was the honorable thing to do and she felt like she had no choice! She subsequently became stuck in a loveless marriage of convenience. The marriage was held together by fear. In her culture women are considered inferior to men. They have no rights. They simply exist to minister to their husbands and one of those ways is to bear and care for his children. If they fail to measure up to the expectations that the husband has of them, the husband can put them "away." Their children can be taken away from them and they can even be put to death. Divorce is not an option on her part!

We often have an arranged marriage mentality when it comes to our relationship with Jesus. We are pressured into the relationship; "Heaven or hell, which do you choose?" It is a marriage of convenience that is held together by fear, not love. In our minds, God's acceptance and love is conditional to our performance. And of course, as you already know, the standard of performance that we think is required of us is impossible to meet, thus the relationship is laced with condemnation, guilt and fear. The kingdom is within us. It is working from the inside out. The Holy Spirit is the "insider" that connects us to God's

love. No one can come to Jesus unless the Father draws him. **John 6:44** Only love can initiate love. God initiates the process of winning our hearts to him by staging moments with Him that prove he loves us. Before we can ever believe in our hearts that we are righteous, we have to believe that we are loved. In order to believe this, we have to allow God to take us through a "courting" process, and a lot of time this process is skipped. God's number one priority when it comes to the relationship that he has with us is that we understand how much he loves us, not how much we love him because if we understand that, everything else will flow out of it.

**1 John 4:8-10** *He that loveth not knoweth not God: for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us.*

Perfect love casts out all fear and that perfect love is what holds our marriage with Him together.

**1 John 4:17-19** *Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love: but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love him, because he first loved us.*

I had to take some time out to go through some "spiritual marriage" counseling with Jesus and I am so glad that I did! What I say with my mouth has changed because what I believe in my heart has changed. I feel loved. I feel cherished.

Do you need to be romanced? Ask the Holy Spirit to arrange a God encounter with you and I guarantee that it will positively affect the quality of the relationship that you have with him. The only way to experience the fulness of God is to be rooted and grounded in His love.

**Ephesians 3:17-20**