

## Pastoral Notes

'Love's Thin Line' 1Sam 18:20; 2Sam 6:16-23.

Last week's sermon was focused on relationships. Whether you are married, dating or a relationship seeker, understand that **'it is easier to fall in love than it is to grow in love'**.

If there was but one thing to take away from last week's sermon it is that **"Love unnurtured is like a Rose un-watered, it slowly withers, and eventually dies". Just as a rose must be immediately and repeatedly**

### Key Sermonic Points

1. *It is easier to fall in love than to grow in love*
2. *Bless your own house before blessing someone else's*
3. *Love one another as God loves you*

**watered, so too must relationships be regularly nurtured to grow.**

Though most people marry for love, not money, there is a divorce in America every 36 seconds. People who found joy on the 'front 9' of their relationship, can find frustration when they get to the 'back 9' (if you're not a golfer, ignore this). To avoid falling into this trap, **it is important to know some of the do's and don'ts of relationship management.**

**Do** make sure that your significant other is treated like the queen or king

they deserve to be. Falling in love is easy, growing in love is hard work. **It takes more to keep someone happy than to make them happy.** When you have problems, know they are not unique and you are not alone. In tough times you must **be 'careful and prayerful'**. **Do** love one another as Christ loves you. God will forgive your trespasses as you forgive others.

**Do** watch what you say to one another because **words matter.** They have the power to heal or kill, to

bring joy or destroy. Be mindful of the H.A.L.T. principle. When you're Hungry, Angry, Lonely or Tired, it is a good time to halt, **don't** over react. **Change your 'I's to 'We's and your demands to please.**

There is a thin line between Love & Hate so learn to walk that line without crossing the line.

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Stay Blessed,  
Pastor Robbie

## Nuggets:

- Falling in love requires moderate infatuation. Growing in love requires intense participation
- Don't keep thinking to yourself that marriage is hard. Instead, just know that it isn't easy.
- There are many things in life you have overcome that were not easy. Let your relationship be added to that list.
- Like weeds in a lawn or garden, you must work hard and get to the root of your issues.