



Daily Verse and Comment

2 Chronicles 15:1-4

(1) Now the Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded. (2) And he went out to meet Asa, and said to him: "Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin. The LORD *is* with you while you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you. (3) For a long time Israel *has been* without the true God, without a teaching priest, and without law; (4) but when in their trouble they turned to the LORD God of Israel, and sought Him, He was found by them.

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These men of Judah had made the covenant with Him, and this is important for understanding that reciprocity exists in our relationship with [God](#). He begins by drawing near to us, and He expects a similar response from us.

We do not come near to Him in one giant leap. As it is in almost all human relationships, [love](#) develops gradually. Some feel that they fall in love with one glance across a crowded room, but what really happens is that the two mistake lust or passion for love. A love relationship exists when two people really know one another; they see all the warts and character imperfections and are still willing to submit to and serve each other in a warm and generous willingness.

God is perfect in His character, and the projection of His personality is also perfect in every way. We are the problem in this relationship; we are the ones with all the warts and blemishes. These faults are in our thinking, our attitudes, and our character. The reason we draw near to God is to have our wrong thinking and attitudes removed, changed. That is what the relationship is all about, so that we can be like God. He is perfect and mature, and He wants to bring us to the measure of the stature of the fullness of [Christ](#). Then a marriage can take place.

— John W. Ritenbaugh

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