*Strengthening resolve to trust God and empowering prosperous living built on intimate relationship with God*

**Who are you? Is a question we sometimes ask as the imperfection, personality and true character of a person with whom we are in a relationship begins to surface**

When King Xerxes was in high spirits…he told the seven eunuchsto bring Queen Vashti to him…But when they conveyed the king’s order…she refused to come. This made the king furious…he burned with anger. *Ester 1:10-12 (NLT)*

**Revealing the true phases of a new relationship**

1. Ecstasy– Intense joy or delight
2. Reality– the state of things as they are or appear to be
3. Challenge– A call to engage in a contest, fight, or competition

# Lies bring trouble to our relationships

**Fear; Fantasy; Fakeness**

* I try to live up to other’s expectations and go into debt trying to keep up with “the Jones”
* I know I’m hurt by my past but I tell others I’m healed or over it
* I say I trust you, but I know I have trust issues
* I am carrying baggage from my past but pretend that it is not affecting my present situation and/or relationships
* I pretend that I’m open to input but I know I am stubborn and going to do my way
* I pretend that I’m seeking God’s will and direction but I have no intentions of carrying it out

# Solutions to the lies plaguing our relationships

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_– Love yourself and acknowledge that you are hurt, broken, lacking, selfish, or prideful or just not doing things God’s way
2. ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_– Because you love yourself, when you are sick or feeling like something is wrong in your body you go to the doctor and submit yourself to the care of the physician, so it is with God.

Follow God’s prescription and the subtle leading of the Holy Spirit (The gentle nudging that you hear from the inside leading you to make right choices)

Commit to attending church regularly and take advantage of the ministries that are available to assist you.

* 1. Small Groups – NGAGE; Celebrate Recovery
	2. Counseling – C.A.R.E
	3. Training - BOLD

Develop a habit of prayer, worship and studying the bible

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_– Spouse, trusted friend and a spiritual leader

Admit you past hurt, brokenness or baggage and its effect on your relationship, your decision making, your ability to respond to life’s challenges, your business, your parenting,

## **Always Act upon what you learn from God**