

APPROACHING THE LORD

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Story The Prophet Ezekiel saw a valley full of bones. He was asked, “Can these bones live?” He answered, “O Lord God, You know.” The Lord caused them to be covered with flesh and skin. Then the Lord put His Spirit in them and they lived.

Meaning Marriage and the pursuit of love can, at times, seem like a dry heap of lifeless bones. The Lord breathes new life into our love and marriage when both partners shun evils as hurtful to the soul, civil state, body, and to the Lord, and when both partners commit themselves to spiritual growth and regeneration. “A person is in a state of truly conjugal love to the degree that he or she becomes spiritual” (*Conjugal Love* 130).

Task This week work on your marriage and your eternal life by approaching the Lord in your daily life. This means devoting time to prayer, to reading His Word, to removing disorders that prevent the Lord from drawing near, and to making yourself useful to others. Love grows when the Lord’s presence with us grows, since the Lord is the source of love. Work on these things this week and see if your relationship with others or your marriage warms and grows.