

## THE GIFT OF A ROSE

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE'VE PLANTED OUR ROSE, WE'VE LOYALLY NURTURED IT TO BEHOLD IT'S LOVEFUL BLOOM AS WE OVERSEE IT'S BLESSING.

WE OBSERVE AND INSPECT THE BEAUTY OF IT'S BUDDING, AND ELEGANTLY EXAMINE THE GRACE UPON IT'S STEM AND WE COME TO THINK,

"WHO'S BEEN BLESSED TO TEND A MORE BEAUTIFUL FLOWER, WHICH WE'VE CLASSLY COMPATED SINCE THE PLANTING OF OUR SEED AND COURTED ONE ANOTHER TO TEND THE PLANT SO THE ROSE IS ROYAL WITHOUT A THORNE!"

WE'VE SUNNED, EVEN AMID THE WATERING RAINS TO NEVER NEGLECT THE OTHER. WE'VE WATERED AND TENDED THE OTHER AND BEFORE WE KNEW IT, WE WERE WATCHING OUR RELATIONSHIP LOVINGLY BLOOM.

WHERE SOME WOULD WITHER, WHERE SOME WOULD WILT, WHERE SOME WOULD FREEZE- WE'VE ONLY BEEN BLESSED A BLOSSOMFUL WEALTH. THE COMBINING OF TWO SOULS WHEN THEY GRACELY ENTWINE IS A ROSE. THE BIRTH, BUDDING AND GROWING OF A ROSE, IS A ROSE WITH FEW FAULTS.

MANY TIMES WE'VE OBSERVED THE RADIANCE OF OUR ROSE TO ACKNOWLEDGE WE BLEND AND STAND SO HANDSOME AND FAIR, A PURE PICTURE OF A ROSEFUL RELATIONSHIP, BELIEVING IN OUR SOULS THAT NARE ANOTHER COULD POSSIBLY BE THE RIGHT MAN OR WOMAN FOR THE OTHER. WE'VE NEVER NEGLECTED TO WATER OR TEND TO THE OTHER'S NEEDS AND WANTS, SO THE BLESSING IS EVIDENCE THAT DEFINITELY WE BLOSSOM!

THE DEFINITION OF LOVE IN IT'S POTENCY. PEOPLE SEE OUR ROSE AND PRAY TO LOVE THE LOVE WE'VE BEEN BLESSED TO LOVE. "ME MINUS YOU WOULD BRING ABOUT A WILT, WITHERING SO I'D DIE." THE GREATEST GIFT A PERSON COULD RECEIVE OR GIVE IS TO LOVE, AND TO GIVE LOVE IN RETURN. WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO GIVE AND ACCEPT ONE ANOTHER'S LOVE WITH NARE A THORNE TO GRACE OUR ROSE SO WE'RE ENVIED BY OTHERS.

LISTING THE CHARACTERISTICS OF OUR ROSE, WE FIND FEW FAULTS WITH THE OTHER AND POLISH ANY DISENCHANTMENT SO WE ASCEND, LOVE AND SHINE. ACCEPTING ONE ANOTHER INTO THE OTHER'S LIFE- CHERISHING AND MASSAGING THE OTHER'S ROYALTY. "I'D BE HELPLESS AND ALOOF MINUS YOUR CARE," THE SHOW OF OUR ROSE HAS CONQUER, AND WILL CONQUER ANY THORNE. MY PRAYERS ARE WE'LL BLOOM A LIFETIME OVER---

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