## MY MARRIAGE IS MY FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH.

When responsibilities get the best of me, my spouse helps me relax and have a good laugh. We giggle like teenagers and embarrass our kids with our public displays of affection. We remain young and in love, regardless of the age printed on our drivers' licenses.

We are like newlyweds. I send sexy and loving text messages throughout the day to keep the flame burning bright. When the door flings open and I hear, "Honey, I'm home," my heart fills with warmth and excitement.

Our children are our pride and joy. And, just as we spend time nourishing and building up our children's self-esteem, we cater to one another. I understand that both mommy and daddy need to feel fulfilled in order to be the best parents we can be.

I nourish my marriage, not because it is the right thing to do, but because making my spouse feel loved and secure brings joy to my heart. I am well aware that marriage is a two-way street and that I have to give as much as I expect to receive.

We practically have the babysitter on speed dial! Nights out on the town and intimate dinners are a constant in our lives. However, I also treat myself to outings with my friends as well as "me time." I understand that absence makes the heart grow fonder.

Our emotional bond is a tonic that can cure even the deepest bouts of sadness. Even through financial struggles and career troubles, we remain one. Life is a journey full of tugs and unexpected roadblocks. But we conquer all hurdles set in our path.

Today, I intend to honor our wedding vows. I will strive to make my spouse feel loved, important, and as youthful as the day we said, "I do."

## **SELF-REFLECTION QUESTIONS:**

- 1. What three things can I do to make my spouse feel loved today?
- 2. How can I keep the flame alive even after years of wedded bliss?
- 3. How has my partner changed in positive ways over the years?