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Welcome to *A Course in Miracles: Living the Love, Walking the Talk* with Reverend Jennifer Hadley, a beloved teacher of the *Course*, who has helped thousands learn how to express their beliefs from moment to moment in their everyday lives. Get ready to focus on your intent to be the Love, be the Peace, through practical application.

Here is your host, Reverend Jennifer Hadley.

Jennifer Welcome! Welcome! Thank you for joining me! Yes!
I'm still in North Carolina. It's a beautiful day here at the Art of Living Retreat Center, and I'm feeling very blessed. Thank you for joining me! Let's begin with a prayer, as we always do.

Opening Prayer

Let's take this breath of Love and gratitude together, and be so grateful and so thankful that Love is all there is, Love is **all** that we are. Love is our true identity. Love is the beginning, the middle, and the end.

Love is our redeemer, our healer, and we are grateful and thankful to recognize it is so. **So grateful!**

So grateful to Partner UP with the Higher Holy Spirit Self. I place my hand on my heart and declare I'm wholeheartedly available to receive Divine Insight, Wisdom, and Clarity. I'm wholeheartedly available to recognize the loving choices, the healing opportunities.

Wholly, wholly grateful that Divine Wisdom and Clarity are ours to receive, now and forever more, at all times. So grateful and so thankful to recognize that Love is our true nature and our true identity, and that we have **everything** we need in order to express the fullness of God's Love here, now and forever more. **Everything** we need is pre-installed.

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We're grateful and thankful to turn within and to recognize that we've already been given the Gifts of God.

In gratitude, we share these gifts with everyone, because we are One with them. In gratitude, we share our healing, our expansion, our Clarity, our Freedom, the All-Good of God with everyone, because we are One with them.

In deep, deep gratitude, we **let** the healing be. We know it's done. And so, it is. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Opportunities to Choose Love

Yes! Mm-hmm!

I'd like to share with you that our topic today is "Special Love Relationship," and I'm grateful to be able to share on this topic, as I'm **always** grateful to share *A Course in Miracles*. I'm so grateful, so grateful!

I just completed [*Forgive and Be Free Retreat*](#), and I'm in the midst of one my [*Spiritual Counseling Training Intensives*](#).

I have to say, I remember very well how I used to feel, helpless and hopeless, and feeling so **special** in the sense of feeling especially bad, and wrong, and blocked. I truly, for a **very** long time, had such a strong belief that there was something very, very wrong with me, that I couldn't be more loving. That I would **say** "I'd like to focus on Love. I'd like to focus on Peace. I'd like to focus on being patient, and generous, and kind," and then I would turn around and be cruel, and mean, and withdrawn, and withholding of Love, and withholding of the most basic kindness.

I still see remnants of that personality on a regular basis. I do, I do, and I'm **so** grateful that I have a **choice**, that I **can** choose Love. I don't **have** to choose unkindness, and resentment, and regret, and blame, and shame.

I truly would like to applaud the people who come and do this work with me, whether it's in [*Finding Freedom*](#), or [*Masterful Living*](#), or whether on a retreat or an intensive. It takes **great** courage, and I get to meet, through my classes and these events, I get to meet **extraordinary** people!

And, the most wonderful thing of all, is when someone begins in a program and they feel such despair, they feel lost and self-hatred, and really just great confusion, anger, resentment, depression, and then, because of **their**

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willingness -- not mine! -- because of **their** willingness to make **new** choices, how **quickly** they can change their life, how **quickly** they can transform their relationships, how **quickly** they can step into the miraculous. I see it again, and again, and again. It's thrilling! It's **truly** thrilling!

Many times, people who listen to this radio show will tell me, "You heal my life, Jennifer. You heal my life." I always say that I'm so glad that they enjoy the radio show, and I'm so glad that their life is healing, and I can **only** heal my **own** life, I can only heal **my** own mind. However, when we join **together**, we're **both** experiencing a healing, and so the opportunity to join with anyone, anywhere, is such a blessing! Whether it's your neighbor who's putting out the trash in the morning, you can join with them, wave, smile, join with them for a holy instant. Mmm!

The way to really transform your life is to find those opportunities to join, and connect, and express, and extend Love, most **especially** when there's a temptation to be withdrawn, to hide, to withhold, to say, "No! Not now! Not this time. No! I'm going to make a **higher** choice." It raises our vibration, and the more we raise our vibration, the more we can see **more** choices for Love.

Plan with No Attachments

As I record this, we're in the middle of October, and because of my job as a minister, leader of the Power of Love Ministry, I'm frequently thinking of things months away, a year away, because in order to do certain things, we have to plan ahead.

Of course, in *A Course in Miracles*, Lesson 135, tells us "A healed mind doesn't **need** to plan." I don't **need** to plan. I **do** plan, and for me it's not having **attachment** to the plan, because if the plan changes, that's fine. But **whose** plan, is it? I'm endeavoring to follow God's Plan, and so I've been looking ahead, especially during this forgiveness retreat that I just finished, and right now, in the [*Spiritual Counseling Training Intensive*](#), I'm looking ahead to "When can I do those events again next year?" because they're **so powerful** and life-changing for people!

I'm thinking about the [*New Year's Reboot Retreat*](#) at the end of the year, and the feeling the folks who are going to come to that, and the transformation they'll have, and the difference that will make in their year next year. I'm

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feeling **all** of this, and feeling the holidays coming, and how challenging it can be for people when their family relationships are strained and where there's a lot of unhealed hurt.

And so, as we're talking about special Love relationship today, it's on my mind. One thing I'd like to share that came up in the forgiveness retreat, is that somebody was asking, "What about having Thanksgiving or Christmas with family where there is a lot of unhealed pain and suffering? How do you do that? Or when you really don't **feel** the Love, or the respect, or the honoring with your family?"

And so, I'm going to share this, which I have found helpful to me and others have found it helpful as well, because I know people are making their holiday plans.

If you are feeling that getting together with certain people, you will be so triggered that it's **possible** you would, instead of extending **Love** you would extend anger, hurt, fear, blame, resentment, these kinds of things, it's best not to put yourself in that situation and create more difficulty.

Prayer for Partnering UP

However, if you feel like it would be challenging, but you're up to the challenge, then go and go with God. Take God into every moment.

In my training at Agape, we would say, "Be prayed up." Have prayed yourself **up** to a higher vibration, so you can **keep** a commitment to extend Love, to extend compassion, to extend healing in your mind.

One of the tools that we use in my [Masterful Living](#) class is called the "Prayer for Partnering UP". I'm going to share it with you right now, and then for those of you who get the transcripts, you'll be able to read it in the transcript.

We're transcribing all of these episodes now, by the way, and you can get the transcripts at LivingACourseinMiracles.com/radio. We have lots of free resources for you at LivingACourseinMiracles.com, and JenniferHadley.com, too.

Here's the "Prayer for Partnering UP", a **great** prayer to start your day with, a great prayer to take into any meeting that's challenging, any conversation, any relationship conversation. Get yourself prayed up! Raise your vibration.

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The Prayer for Partnering UP, I wrote this as an example of the kind of prayer that I use myself. I like to speak prayer extemporaneously, without reading it, but I also like to read prayers, sometimes. I wrote this one for the folks in my [*Masterful Living Course*](#).

Prayer for Partnering UP:

“I AM that I AM. I am my I AM Presence. I’m one with the One, and for this I am truly grateful.

“In the name of my beloved I AM, I ask that my Higher Holy Spirit Self, my I AM Presence, lead and guide me to be in the flow of Love in all moments of this day and in every area of my life. I intend to be easily led and guided to choose the highest and best in each moment.

“I allow myself to receive the blessings that are mine to receive. I allow myself to recognize the most loving choices this day. Higher Holy Spirit Self, please make the loving choices so attractive to me that I cannot mistake them. Help me to choose Love, and to live my life as a joyful and abundant prayer of the heart. Help to recognize my life is the eternal life of God. I am dedicated to being a loving and beneficial presence on this planet. I choose to be truly helpful.

“I share the benefits of my healing and expansion with everyone because I AM One with them. I am awakening to know my true identity and the true identity of my brothers and sisters. We are One in Love eternally. For these and all the blessings I receive this day, I am so very grateful.

“In the name of my beloved I AM, I know that it is done. I allow myself to accept it. And so, it is. Amen. Amen. Amen.”

Special Relationships Increase Separation

Yes! Mm-hmm.

Let’s dive in to Chapter 16, Section Venerable, it’s my Page 341, and it’s entitled *The Choice for Completion*. This is where it talks about the special Love relationship. This is really good, good stuff here! It says,

“In looking at the special relationship, it is necessary first to realize that it involves a great amount of pain. Anxiety, despair, guilt and attack all enter into it, broken into by periods in which they seem to be gone. All these must be understood for what they are. Whatever form they take, they are always an

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attack on the self to make the other guilty. I have spoken of this before, but there are some aspects of what is really being attempted that have not been touched upon.”

This is a very valuable section to us, and I’ve done many episodes in this broadcast on the subject of relationship, and on the subject of special relationship and holy relationship, and so I’m not going to cover too much about that, because I’ve done **so** much on it, and I encourage you to check those out, because they’re all in the archive.

Again, you can find the entire archive at LivingACourseinMiracles.com/radio. Oh, and if you’re interested in my *A Course in Miracles New Year’s Reboot Retreat*, you can find out ACIMRetreat.com or JenniferHadley.com.

Special relationship, here’s the way I describe it. A special relationship is any kind of relationship -- it could be with your dog, it could be with your spouse, your child, your parents, your coworker, your friend. It doesn’t matter what the construct of the relationship is, it can be special or it can be holy.

Special relationship is the purpose of **increasing** your sense of separation. Holy relationship is for the purpose of **uniting** you in your mind, in your heart, with your Creator, with your true identity, with God.

Special relationship, the number one thing to realize, it says here, is it involves a great amount of **pain**. A special relationship is when we say, “You plus me equals shelter against the storm.” It **affirms** that there **is** a storm, that we need shelter, that we’re on our own. And we get attached to this person. “They’re going to complete me,” like in *Jerry Maguire*. “They’re going to protect me. They validate me.” It’s 100% codependency. Right? There’s **no** healing in the special relationship. There’s only **more** suffering. It involves a great amount of pain here.

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It says here,

“... they are always an attack on self to make the other guilty.”

This is an aspect of that special relationship, so I'm going to invite you to bring to mind a relationship that has turmoil in it, perhaps, a lot of turmoil. I'm going to invite you to just be open-minded and be **willing** to see that **when** you feel despair, anxiety, fear, worry, doubt, the blame, the shame, the guilt, the resentment, the regret, all of that painful emotion, and you think it's **because** of your relationship, it's about your relationship, it's a result of your relationship, these **upsets**, it's saying here, **whatever** form they take are **always** an attack on the **self** to make the **other** feel guilty. No matter what form your upset takes, it's **always** an attack on the self to make the other guilty.

A Better Choice

My friend, in order to end the misery of the world, let's not go there anymore. How do we do it? When there's a tendency and a temptation to get upset -- right? It can be **very** strong. Many times, to the untrained mind, we go there, and we are in that land of upset for quite a while before we even **realize** there is a choice, that we **could go** the other way, we could make another choice, there **is** a better way. Many times, we just can't even **grasp** that until we have **already** jumped off the bridge and we're hurled into the depths of pain and suffering.

What do we do when we've taken that journey, and now we're just covered in poo, the poo of our upset? It's gnarly, and nasty, and stinky, and we're judging ourselves and judging others. It's just a big swirling mass of sewage. What do we do **then**?

We call upon the Holy Spirit to show us the way out. “If I make my bed in hell, You're there.” Even if I make my bed in hell, God is **still** there with us, the Holy Spirit is **still** there with us, the Higher Self is **still** there with us. The Love, the spark of our divinity, is **still** there, within us, so we call upon the angels.

This is what *A Course in Miracles* tells us in -- is it Lesson 182, 183? *Call the Name of God*. Yes, 183.

“I call upon God's Name and on my own.”

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It says here, Paragraph 2,

“God’s Name cannot be heard without response, nor said without an echo in the mind that calls you to remember. Say His Name, and you invite the angels to surround the ground on which you stand, and sing to you as they spread out their wings to keep you safe, and shelter you from every worldly thought that would intrude upon your holiness.”

“God, help me now! Holy Spirit help me now! Angels help me now! I’ve lost my mind. I’d like to go back to my right mind and harvest the learning from my journey, from this journey into a far land of sewage.”

Making God Guilty

Let’s read on here, back to Chapter 16, Section V, Paragraph 1.

“Whatever form they take, they are always an attack on the self to make the other guilty.”

“Very simply, the attempt to make guilty is always directed against God. For the ego would have you see Him, and Him alone, as guilty, leaving the Sonship open to attack and unprotected from it.”

When we’re upset, our upset is an attack on the Self to make the other feel guilty, and the **attempt** to make others feel guilty is really always directed against God. So, Instead of going directly **at** God, trying to make God feel guilty, we attack our brothers and sisters.

Why would we want to make God feel guilty? Because we believe God left us open to attack, and here’s the attack -- the attack is from the person we’re in the special relationship with, so our retaliation is to try to make the other person feel guilty by **us** being upset! And

it doesn’t **matter** if we’re angry, or sad, or hurt, or confused, or frightened, or worried, or resentful, or regretful, it’s **all** an attempt to get back at God, to make God feel guilty by making our supposed loved one, the person we’re in the relationship with, feel guilty. It says,

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“The special love relationship is the ego's chief weapon for keeping you from Heaven.”

You see? In the special Love relationship, when people don't do what we want them to do, and they are, we **think**, upsetting us -- they're ruining our lives, they're making us so worried, they're making us so angry, they're making us so frightened, they're making us so ashamed -- whatever it is that we **think** they're making us feel, this is the attack on **ourselves**. Our upset is an attack on ourselves trying to make them feel guilty. “See what you did? It upsets me so much! **You're** to blame for this!” And, it's really God that we're angry at and, of course, our brothers and sisters are **of** God, so they're going to take that message **to** God.

Jesus writes here,

“It does not appear to be a weapon, but if you consider how you value it --”

Meaning the special Love relationship,

“...and why, you will realize what it must be.”

It's a **weapon** against God, the special Love relationship.

A Distraction from Real Love

How do you know you're in a special Love relationship? Because when you're upset, you're managing and coping with it. You're in a codependent relationship. You're saying, “**You** complete me.” “**You** upset me.” “**You** fulfill me.” “**You** hurt me.” “**You** lift me up.” “**You** pull me down.” That's special Love relationship, back and forth, back and forth, and it's a **giant** distraction from expansion, from **real** Love, from **really** having loving relationships. It's a **giant** distraction.

People try so hard to engage us in this, “Of course, you've upset me! Look at what you've done!” trying to make us feel guilty, or maybe **we're** the one trying to make **them** feel guilty. It's self-attack. **Self-attack**.

Is there any Love in self-attack? No, of course not. So, then the backwash has to be despair, more self-hatred, more guilt, more shame, more resentment, more regret. **Giant** distraction. No healing in that.

But you see, the world **justifies it all**. “Of course! Of course, you feel guilty when they do that!” “Of course, you feel ashamed when that happens!” “Of course, you resent them!” Of course, of course, of course.

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“The special love relationship is the ego's most boasted gift, and one which has the most appeal to those unwilling to relinquish guilt.”

If you see that you've got a number of special Love relationships -- and, again, you can have it with your dog, with your cat, trying to shame that animal, make the animal feel guilty -- when that's what's transpiring in our relationships, it leads to an inner despair and hopelessness for many, many people.

What I see, and it's so clear to me, so **evident** right now because I see it in - -this is the time of the year when people who've been in *Masterful Living* with me all year are **really** reaping the benefits of their choices, to work these principles all year long to truly **live** the Love and walk the talk, and they're seeing the shifts and the changes.

In the forgiveness retreat, I just did. people transformed **so much** in just a few days by being willing to take a look at this, and to make another choice.

It's that willingness to put the Holy Spirit in charge, to call the angels. That's not just a **metaphor**. Jesus is saying, “Call God's Name and the angels will surround you and help you.” **No** extra charge. **No** charge at all. They're waiting. They're standing by. Operators are standing by to take your call! [laughs]

Speaking of taking a call, it's time for me to take a call to a break here. I'm Jennifer Hadley, and we're talking about “Special Love Relationship” here on Unity Online Radio. The name of this program is *A Course in Miracles*. We're living the Love, we're walking the talk, and I will be right back.

Thank you for tuning in for *A Course in Miracles: Living the Love, Walking the Talk*.

Get ready to focus on your intent to be the Love, be the Peace, through practical application as we return to *A Course in Miracles: Living the Love, Walking the Talk*.

Transformation Through the Power of Love

Welcome back! Thank you for joining me. We're talking about “Special Love Relationship.”

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Here's something that's helpful to us, is to **recognize** that if we find ourselves in a special relationship, it means that our personality is **unwilling** to relinquish guilt. Our personality is playing this petulant "God game" and you can give it all over to the Holy Spirit. We **don't** have to manage and cope with it. We **don't** have to think that we've got to figure it out. We simply become very **willing** to let it go.

A Course in Miracles, Chapter 2, *Text*, Section V, *Fear and Conflict*. It tells us in that *Fear and Conflict* section, which is one of my favorite sections in the whole book, it tells us that Jesus can't take anything from us that we **choose** to hold on to. So, doesn't it stand to reason that the whole Activation of our healing is moved forward when we **willingly** let it go? So, let's just do that. Let's just say, "I'll let it go."

But what I see in -- I've seen in myself and I see in so many others is, we're just **not** willing to let it go, **or** we don't think that it can actually happen, and we don't **trust** that if we give up keeping score -- making others guilty, holding on to resentment, punishing others with our upset -- that we'll have any other power or tool, or any other thing that's of value.

That's how I used to feel. But now, I realize, "Oh! The things that I'd like to share are compassion, are patience, kindness, generosity, Love, and I **can** share those, and I **can** feel the power of Love **in me**." And that power of Love in me is **so much greater** than any power I've ever felt to hurt or punish anyone that I was threatened by. The power of Love in me to take my brothers or sisters' heart in **my** heart, and say, "Let's transform together! Even though you attempted to hurt me, even though you tried to attack me, I can hold you with Love in my heart." The power of that is **so liberating**, but we don't know till we know, and we don't **trust** that it's true until we **know** that it works. Here's where **trust** is the number one characteristics of teachers, the Teachers of God.

Special Relationships Are Unnatural

It says here—now, I'm in Chapter 16, Section V, Paragraph 3,

"The 'dynamics' of the ego are clearest here --"

In the special Love relationship,

"...for counting on the attraction of this offering--"

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Right? The special Love relationship offers the greatest pain and suffering and the ego's chief weapon from keeping you from having.

“The ‘dynamics’ of the ego are clearest here for counting on the attraction of this offering, the fantasies that center around it are often quite overt. Here they are usually judged to be acceptable and even natural. No one considers it bizarre to love and hate together, and even those who believe that hate is sin merely feel guilty, but do not correct it. This is the ‘natural’ condition of the separation --”

“Natural” is in quotes there. This is “natural” condition of the separation, that your Love, and guilt, and hatred all go together.

“...and those who learn that it is not natural at all seem to be the unnatural ones.”

Jesus, Buddha, the folks who don't play by these rules anymore, they're the ones that seem unnatural.

“For this world is the opposite of Heaven, being made to be its opposite, and everything here takes a direction exactly opposite of what is true. In Heaven, where the meaning of love is known, love is the same as union. Here, where the illusion of love is accepted in love's place, love is perceived as separation and exclusion.”

What if you just knew that, that in allowing the special relationship, you're allowing the ego's hatred to triumph?

Remember I said, the special relationship sets up this construct, or affirms this construct, this false construct of “You plus me equals shelter against the storm.” It **affirms** the storm, affirms we need shelter and affirms “**You** my special, special one, are going to keep me from the storm.” [laughs] Not so!

“It is in the special relationship, born of the hidden wish for special love from God, that the ego's hatred triumphs.”

Hmmm! What if you just **knew** that, that in **allowing** the special relationship, you're allowing the ego's hatred to triumph?

“For the special relationship is the renunciation of the Love of God, and the attempt to secure for the self the specialness that God denied us. It is essential to the preservation of the ego that you believe this specialness is not hell, but Heaven.”

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Right? Don't we see that? I lived in Los Angeles for 22 years. I met **so** many people who were seeking fame. What is fame but specialness? Not that there's anything **wrong** but fame. I mean, certainly Gandhi is famous, Martin Luther King, Jr. is famous. For what? For extending Love, for having compassion, for taking a stand, for teaching the truth, for the end of hatred. **That's** what made them famous.

But that's not what people go to L.A. for. [laughs] They want to be adored and thought special. Very, very common. Yes.

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How many stories have we heard of people seeking fame and finding out the famous hell, but they **think** it's going to be Heaven?

"For the ego would never have you see that separation could only be lost. Being the one condition in which heaven could not be."

We Are Already Complete

Now, the ultimate separation, that the most fundamental separation, the most **basic**, predominant separation is "better than" and "less than". Right? People who are famous **always** because they're "better than" or "less than" according to the ego, famous or infamous.

"To everyone Heaven is completion. There can be no disagreement on this, because both the ego and the Holy Spirit accept it. They are, however, in complete disagreement on what completion is, and how it is accomplished. The Holy Spirit knows that completion lies first in union, and then in the extension of union."

Remember, this section is called *The Choice for Completion*. In the *Jerry Maguire* movie, the idea that "This one person completes me." That's a special relationship. In the holy relationship, no one is **incomplete**. We're **all** complete. No one is incomplete, because we're all part of God.

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Completion comes from recognizing union and then extending it. How do we extend union? We recognize our brothers and sisters are One with us and, we're One with God. They're One with us, therefore, they're One with God. **All** is One. **That's** true completion. It says,

"To the ego completion lies in triumph --"

Triumph "over". Right? Completion lies triumph to the ego.

"...and in the extension of the 'victory' even to the final triumph over God. In this the ego sees the ultimate freedom of the self --"

Triumph over God,

"...for nothing would remain to interfere with the ego. This is its idea of Heaven. And therefore union, which is a condition in which the ego cannot interfere, must be hell.

"The special relationship is a strange and unnatural ego device for joining hell and Heaven, and making them indistinguishable. And the attempt to find the imagined 'best' of both worlds has merely led to fantasies of both, and to the inability to perceive either as it is. The special relationship is the triumph of this confusion. It is a kind of union from which union is excluded, and the basis for the attempt at union rests on exclusion. What better example could there be of the ego's maxim, 'Seek but do not find?'

There is no "Special" in Oneness

"Most curious of all is the concept of the self which the ego fosters in the special relationship. This 'self' --"

The separate, special self,

"...seeks the relationship to make itself complete. Yet when it finds the special relationship in which it thinks it can accomplish this it gives itself away, and tries to 'trade' itself for the self of another. This is not union, for there is no increase and no extension."

In the special relationship, we often try to lose ourselves, **lose** our sense of self, and see ourselves only in the relationship in relationship to the other. We trade our sense of self for the sense for the self of another.

"Each partner tries to sacrifice the self he does not want for one he thinks he would prefer. And he feels guilty for the 'sin' of taking, and of giving nothing of

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value in return. How much value can he place upon a self that he would give away to get a 'better' one?

"The 'better' self the ego seeks is always one that is more special. And whoever seems to possess a special self is 'loved' for what can be taken from him."

Think of this. Foundationally, in the special Love relationship, you're thinking that "This person thinks I'm special, therefore, I am **finally** loved. I'm finally free from feeling unlovable, unworthy." But the unlovable, unworthy thought doesn't go away, because we think we have to be **special** to be lovable.

We **know** we're not special, no matter how special people think we are. **We're not special**, and we never will be, because we're One. And so, the special relationship can **never** succeed, it's always doomed to fail. It's always doomed to move to that place where the person disappoints us. We're no longer special in their eyes, and that day has to come because there's no specialness. It's an illusion. It's a delusion, and we don't believe it. We don't **know** it to be true, therefore, it **isn't** true.

But when we can look at our loved ones and say, "I see all the stuff about you -- the things that you believe, things you've done and said. I see it all, **and** I Love you. I Love you just the way you are. I Love you as you're learning to work through these things. I Love you as you're falling down and getting up. I Love you. I Love you. I Love being on this journey with you," **that's** Love. There's no substitute for it. [laughs] None, whatsoever! Mm-hmm!

We Are Attached to What We Made

One of the key components of that special Love relationship is we become attached. We become attached to our ideas and our beliefs, and it becomes so painful to let them go. It becomes so painful to allow ourselves to experience the healing and the transformation of our mind, because we're **so** attached to the story that we've made.

This is the thing to always remember about the ego -- why does the ego get so **attached** to the story that it made? Why do we get so attached to thinking, "This person completes me."? Why do we get so attached of thinking, "This person said they were going to do this for me, that they are

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going to heal me, that they were going to Love us!” Why do we get so **attached**? It’s because we made the story up, and this is how the ego is.

One of the things for me, when I was studying to be a screenwriter at University of Southern California, at USC Film School, they talked about editing and cutting your work, and they said it’s like killing your children, killing your babies. That didn’t quite ring true with me, although certainly understand that feeling attached to “Oh, I really like this part! Oh, I really like what I wrote here!” and there’s a great attachment to it, sometimes. Why? Because **we** made it. That’s the **only** reason. Because we made it, we’re the ones who made it.

For instance, if you were editing someone else’s work, you wouldn’t have the same attachment to it, because **you** didn’t make it. We have this tremendous attachment because we **made up** the story in our relationship. We made up this idea that, “You validate me. You complete me.”

Then sometimes what happens is, the relationship **starts** that way, “Oh! You validate me! You complete me! You see me! You really get me!” Then, because the relationship is predicated on **false** pretenses, it doesn’t work. It doesn’t work at all, and so it falls apart, and it’s so painful when it falls apart.

The dream of “You complete me” is lost, and when that dream of “You complete me” is lost, it’s easy to see how the ego can make the meaning of it, “I must be terribly unworthy. There must be something horribly wrong and bad with me. They’re rejecting me. They **were** my savior, and now they’re rejecting me. I **must** be unworthy!” and so, we fall into the pit of despair.

But the thing that the Holy Spirit can help us see, that the angels can help us see, is that **none** of the story is **true**. None of the story is true! They **don’t** complete us. They **don’t** validate us. They **don’t** make us worthy. They may or may not understand this, and we are no better or worse **because** of their acceptance, their attachment, their Love, their validation. We’re no better or worse for **any** of it, that we are eternally complete. **All** are.

This is how our brothers and sisters can help us see it, is that we can choose to see their completeness **regardless** of the situations and circumstances, **regardless** of whether they’re lying and tearing things apart, **regardless** of whether or not they’re being constructive or

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destructive. We can see their wholeness and completeness, and call it forth into expression. **That's** extending Love. **That's** extending Unity.

This is how our brothers and sisters help us, too, is that by seeing in **them**, we see it in ourselves, we see it in everyone, and then all boats rise on this tide of Love. It's powerful! It's beautiful! It's healing! It's transformative! **Yes, it is**, I'm so grateful to share it with you! My goodness! Mm-hmm! Yeah!

Upcoming Events

I'm so grateful for our being able to transcribe these radio shows now and offer them to you. If you appreciate the transcripts, please let us know. If you have a particular transcript that you'd like to us to get to that we haven't gotten to yet, please let us know. You can write to Admin@JenniferHadley.com.

The most recent [*Living A Course in Miracles*](#) free series of classes that we just did are still available, for free You can download them **and** the transcripts, and we've got all the transcripts posted now.

[*Masterful Living*](#), my yearlong course, we're going to open registration in a few weeks. It'll be open, and class starts at January 1st. I love it! So, if you've been thinking about it, one of the things that I'm making available to people is an Exploratory Call, that if you would like to learn about *Masterful Living* and discover a bit more about it, and see if it's right for you next year, then you can write to Admin@JenniferHadley.com and we'll set you up with someone who's taken *Masterful Living*. It'll be one of my Spiritual Counselors in Training, and they'll just answer your questions. They're trained to be Spiritual Counselors, they're **not** trained to be sales people, and they can help you decide if it'll be right for you next year.

Remember, too, we have the *New Year's Reboot* Retreat coming up at Unity Village in Missouri. Yes! Right where this radio show is recorded.

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Closing Prayer

Let's take this closing prayer here now. I'm going to invite you to join with me.

So grateful, so thankful to open our hearts and minds to the power and the presence of Love fully active in our awareness.

We are truly grateful and truly thankful that Love is all that there is, and that it is our nature to extend Love, to extend compassion, to extend Beauty, and truth, and Wisdom, and Clarity.

We are grateful and thankful that our life **is** the Life of God, our heart **is** the Heart of God, our mind **is** the Mind of God, and that **all** of our relationships are the **means** by which God loves Itself, and we are grateful to be a part of it.

In gratitude, we share the benefits of our healing, our expansion, our Clarity, our Freedom with everyone, because we're One with them. In gratitude, we **allow** the healing to be. We let it be. And so, it is! Amen. Amen. Amen.

God bless you! I love you! Have an **amazing** week. Mwah!

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