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Sermon – Storge Love – Week 2

Scripture – Job 38:1 -12

Main Message – The absolute source and beginning of Love is our Father in Heaven and we are his children.

Read Job 38:1-12

So you can read all of this chapter and get a sense that Job, who God loved very much and knew he was as righteous as they come, still had to be reminded that he isn't aware of the things that God knows nor has the power to do the things he can. Job was a good kid, no doubt, but like any kid, they often times need to be reminded of their own limited understanding. Its kind of like us, as parents raising a toddler. That toddler can be so cute, funny, speaking in a way only a young child can, but then have a melt down and you're like, who's kid is this. Then you realize that is my kid. Then you, through knowledge and experience help that child to grow and mature and face the world with skill and kindness. You don't just throw him away and start over. You don't give up when they are teenagers and fail at their first 100 times as an adult. When they are 30 and think they know it all, they still might need to be reminded that what they know isn't necessarily the experienced way. Still, you hope to help them. You don't just wash your hands of them.

Neither does our Lord. Because He Storge us. Storge love is a parental type of love. It is different from others because of the nurturing type of responsibility and care that a parent feels for a child.

Side bar – Do you see that the morning stars and the angels cheered and were amazed at God's creation in verse 37. You see, God in His unfathomable wisdom, created a family to share his creation with. They sang and shouted with Joy at it. He wanted to be a parent and to be loved as he loved them. To be alone in the universe was unappealing. So, he also gave us this challenge; that we also could get a sense of being parents. You know all too well it's not easy. NOPE.

Jesus ministry on earth that we can read about is about a great many things with primarily bringing the message of salvation. During that time he also taught us as a loving Father would. He gave us messages and teaching intended to help us grow up to be mature and skillful and wise in this world.

All the parables we recently did indeed help us in our lifelong walk. The messages given. He taught the disciples to pray. Is that for the Father's benefit? No, it is for us. And at the end of his ministry, like a loving father he gave up his life to save his children.

Sometimes love requires a parent to be direct and sincere and harsh.

Read Mathew 16:21-23. How would you take that rebuke? It's an educational moment where Jesus is saying in a strong way, "The most important thing I can do is take this burden so you don't have to." *Don't soften my resolve in this child.*

Read Mathew 8:1-11. Look at the lesson here. The oldest left first because they were quickly reminded of the things they probably taught their own children – God's Holy Laws. Further along even the younger ones left. Everyone realized that they all had broken God's commandments and were worthy of punishment. Jesus told her to stop sinning.

Parental love is certainly different. It's an incredible responsibility. One must question our sanity. After all, even God said this in Genesis, **Genesis 6:5-7.** Parental love definitely deserves its own word!