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Sermon – Eros – Love week 6

Scripture – 2nd Samuel 11, Song of Songs

Main Message – Eroticism is a double-edged sword and the world has never chosen wisely; the flesh is too strong apparently.

Most of the loves we have discussed have some amount of passion. But I think we can all agree that when it comes to physical passion, aka SEXUAL passion, it can override our own common sense. It has historically brought a passion that overrides all other thing pitting families and nations against one another. For many of us, if we are honest, we can relate, even if it may have been a few years ago. I have found it interesting that this sexual passion never diminishes in some people and they are battling it their entire lives in some ways.

God created male and female and gave them this drive. Population would have never increased if it passionate love caused us physical pain. Of course, the mothers here say, it does! But, God made it to be good. For it to be good he puts boundaries on it, which is tied to the other loves. Sadly, even some of the best have fallen into this trap of passion. Do you know a good Bible Story about that?

Exactly, David and Bathsheba. Let us read a bit of that.

Read 2 Sam 11

No one probably woke up that day and planned to ruin lives and it most certainly did. David carried this sin and burden the rest of his life.

However, Song of Songs is written in a way to show us that our Father in Heaven has given to us this passion in a way that is good.

Sadly, in this world, sexual passion is used in unwholesome ways. It diminishes this great gift to us. Eros is not a good form of love that works outside the bonds of other types of loves. It needs responsibility, duty, commitment, compassion to keep this type of love in the right place.

The Bible speaks a lot about this kind of love if you look for it – Both wholesome and unwholesome. So why would I finish a series on Love, right before Christmas on sexual passion? Three reasons.

- 1) It has no true meaning without the other forms of love so it's best for it to come last.
- 2) This is how God intended all creation to grow, especially all of mankind.
- 3) The profound drive and pleasure of this love is a Gift from God when used appropriately.