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# STORGE

WHAT KIND OF LOVE IS THIS?

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Love is an action word that can be seen in our day to day interactions with others. Some have high regard for the word love and it is shown in how they show love to God, others and themselves. There are times where things happen in your bloodline not because of what you did, but because of what those before you did. From a spiritual standpoint there are four types of love. Today we look at the results of one man's actions on his entire bloodline and Rizpah, a mother who loved her children and who refused to abandon her assignment of loving them. Rizpah stood in the gap and displayed Storge love for her children.

## TYPES of LOVE

- STORGE
- PHILIA
- EROS
- AGAPE

**STORGE (STORE-GAY)-** *"Storge" is the Greek word used to describe the natural, overflowing love that family members have for one another. While the word itself is not found in Scripture, variations of it are.*

## EXAMPLES OF STORGE LOVE

- Noah Loved his family so much that he built an ark to protect them.
- Jarius loved his daughter so much that he went and got Jesus.
- James and John's mother loved them so much that she asked for special privilege.
- But we discuss Rizpah who has a crazy love for her family and her two sons.

## FAMILY

- FAMILY IS FOUNDATION.
- FAMILY IS A FORCE.
- FAMILIES DETERMINE THE FUTURE.
- FIGHT FOR THE FAMILY.

2 Samuel 21:1b NIV - The Lord said, "It is on account of Saul and his blood-stained house; it is because he put the Gibeonites to death."

- Be careful not to chase down your enemy
- Don't stop loving those sitting at the table for those who have left the table

- It matters not how others treat you, but it matters how you respond
- Don't accept the facts
- Be careful who you put in power, it can impact your future
- People in authority affect everyone

*Who have you given a seat of authority to? How are they handling the seat?*

*2 Samuel 21:9 NIV -He handed them over to the Gibeonites, who killed them and exposed their bodies on a hill before the Lord.*

- Because of the decisions of the adults, the children suffered
- What we do as parents has an everlasting effect on the entire bloodline
- Our actions can bring shame, guilt and pain on the family legacy

*How have the actions or decisions of others affected your family legacy? What legacy are you leaving behind for your family?*

## **THE CHILDREN ARE PAYING FOR WHAT THE ADULT DID**

*Jeremiah 31:29 NIV - "In those days people will no longer say, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge.'*

- The children have no control over the actions of the parents
- The children did not commit the act

*What have you done that your children are now paying for? What steps have you taken to correct it?*

*Deuteronomy 5:9-10 NIV - "You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, 10 but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments."*

## **SHE LOVED HER FAMILY *with...***

### **HER PRESENCE**

*2 Samuel 21:10a NIV - [10] Rizpah daughter of Aiah took sackcloth and spread it out for herself on a rock.*

- You are on assignment to cover your children from birth to the grave
- You cannot stop being the parent
- How you respond matters

- Your presence stops things from happening

*Take a moment of reflection and honesty, how does your presence in the life of your children and/or grandchildren measure up? If you see room for improvement, what is your action plan to be more present?*

## HER PROTECTION

2 Samuel 21:10b NIV - From the beginning of the harvest till the rain poured down from the heavens on the bodies, **she did not let the birds touch them by day or the wild animals by night.**

- Some things you cannot stop, but you **must** stop what you can
- What you can't stop, don't take it on, move on from it
- You have to stay in protection mode
- Don't allow others to tell you how to raise your children
- Stop apologizing
- When pressure comes it perpetuates rebellion

*What issue are you still apologizing for? Why?*

## HER PERSISTENCE

2 Samuel 21:11 NIV - When David was told what Aiah's daughter Rizpah, Saul's concubine, had done,

- Don't give up or relent; no matter what you see or what is said, **fight!**
- Your persistence is going to impact generations
- Your name is being brought up in places that can impact your house
- God can restore what has decayed
- What looks crazy to people makes sense to God
- Never change your position

*What has caused you to wave the white flag and throw in the towel?*

Nehemiah 4:14b, 20 NIV - [14b] "Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and **fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes.**"

[20] Wherever you **hear the sound of the trumpet,** join us there. **Our God will fight for us!**"

- When you fight, God will fight for you
- Remind yourself of your history with God

*What situation do you need God to fight for you?*

## WHEN GOD CALLS YOU TO BECOME THE BONE COLLECTOR

2 Samuel 21:13 NIV - "David brought the bones of Saul and his son Jonathan from there, and the bones of those who had been killed and exposed were gathered up."

- Restoration
- Reconciliation
- Redemption

*What has God restored in your family? What relationships are in need of reconciliation? Who are you believing in God for redemption for?*

2 Timothy 1:6 NIV - "For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands."

- You have to push everything back
- You have to war in the Spirit
- Fan everything that is not of God back from you children, grandchildren, family, and home

*How are you preparing for war? How would you identify what you need to fan into flame?*

## DECLARATION

**"I DECLARE A SUPERNATURAL CLEAN UP IN MY BLOODLINE, ALL CURSES ARE BROKEN, ALL THINGS ARE IN ALIGNMENT WITH GOD!!!!"**

## PRAYER

*Father God, I repent for my actions that have affected my bloodline. I thank You for removing all generational curses, word curses and punishments as a result of myself and others. I commit my will to Your will. What was shall not be. I thank You for turning everything around. I decree and declare that my generations shall serve You. My bloodline shall live and not die in Jesus' name, Amen!*