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Can you imagine what would happen in homes all over, if when the two mates got together, either when they both came home from work or when the husband came home and found the wife at home and she would just say, "I am so glad to see you. I've missed you. You are so wonderful. You are such an awesome man. You know today, I was just thinking about you and I was just thinking how blessed I am to have a husband like you." Do you realize what that would do for that man?

PART ONE

It was late and Mary decided that she'd get in bed, but she wouldn't go to sleep. She'd sit there and read until her husband came home. He must have had a hard day at the office. It was late, very, very late. He said he was going to be late and she expected that. When she crawled into bed, she didn't take off her makeup. She propped herself up against the back of the bed and

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began to read. And then came that welcomed sound of the door opening and shutting. She heard his footsteps and looked up with anticipation. He walked right past her, She heard some noise in the closet and she thought it must have been a terrible day. And finally, she heard his footsteps coming back and there he stood beside the bed. He had another suit over his arms, a tie, underwear, pajamas. And he looked at her and he said, “I’m leaving and I’m not coming back. I just don’t love you anymore. Here’s the keys to the house.” And he threw them on the bed and walked out. And he didn’t come back. His excuse, or his reason, which was it, was I don’t love you anymore. Do you realize how many marriages are breaking up with that statement? But I don’t love you anymore. I don’t care for you anymore. I don’t like you anymore. If there’s no love, there’s no sense in our staying together. You know, when I hear that, I think, oh world listen to me. Let me share with you the different kinds of love. Let me share with you, Precious One, the love that’s going to keep a marriage together. I think if we only had an understanding of who we are and what we need, and what love is all about, then it would clear our head and it would save us so much pain and so much grief. I want to share with you four different kinds of love. First of all, the first kind of love that I want you to understand is called “storge”, “s-t-o-r-g-e”. It’s a Greek word for love. And it’s a love that is a love of a natural affection. It’s that affection that you feel when they put that baby in your arms and loves just wells up within you. This is your child. It’s a natural affection. It could be a natural affection for a puppy as well as a human being. It’s something that just, it’s there; it’s what makes us kind. It’s what makes us go out of our way for another person. The problem is that we can lose that kind of love. Let me share with you how it’s used in the Word of God, because it’s so interesting. It’s only used in the negative. It’s never used as just a natural affection. But in Romans, chapter 1, where God talks about what happens when men know God and they reject the knowledge of God and they turn to other things and they turn to idols and then they turn to immorality. And then they turn to perversion. And then they turn to a reprobate mind. A reprobate mind is a mind that has no consciousness of

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what is right or what is wrong. A reprobate mind, you see it a lot today, is a person that sets their own standards. But that person with that reprobate mind is described in this way, "...filled with all unrighteousness and wickedness and greed and evil, and full of envy and murder and strife and deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving." In other words, that's a "storge", a natural kind of affection with an "A" in front of it. That means it's not there. It's vacated. It's gone. You know, people lose this kind of love many times in childhood. And they lose it in childhood because instead of the mother looking at that child with natural affection, that mother rejects the child. Or that child is given to another person, or that child is put in a crib and that child is never loved and never nurtured and never patted and never told how precious it is. It's a child that's always pushed away, always left alone, always isolated. And because of that, that natural affection is not there. And some of you are married to people like this. You're married to someone that just, just doesn't have it, just doesn't have a natural affection. But what I want you to remember is you are married. You're in a covenant relationship with that person. You say, "Well what am I going to do? Do you know how hard it is to love a person like this? Do you know how many times I've thought, I can't handle it anymore. This person isn't even decent to people. He isn't decent to me or she isn't decent to me. And there's not a bone of kindness in them, not a shred of kindness." Yes, I know, it must be hard. And I know it must be hell. But, Precious One, if you will keep listening, if you will stay with me in this series, you're going to find a love that can override that kind of love, a love that can restore, a "storge" kind of love in a person. You're going to discover all that, but not right now. Because I want to show you another place, another place where this is mentioned and it's in 2 Timothy. And you know, as we turn to 2 Timothy, chapter 3 and I do hope that you're following me in your Bible, because, Precious One, it is so important for you to see this for yourself in the Word of God. And if you're able to do that, it will make all the difference because God then is going to

tie you to that scripture. And at least you're going to remember what side of the page it was on. But in 2 Timothy, chapter 3, he's talking about realizing that in the last days that the character of men is going to change. And I think really as I think about this, that this is why so many people are able to walk away. They just walk away and leave their mate in terrible circumstances, devastate them on the way, walk away from their children, walk into the arms of someone else and it doesn't bother them a bit. Listen to 2 Timothy, chapter 3. He says, "Men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving..." There it is, unloving, 2 Timothy, chapter 3, verse 3, "astorge", without love, without natural affection. He goes on to say, "They'll be irreconcilable..." No matter what you do. No matter how you plead, they won't be reconciled. "...malicious gossips, without self control, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God..." And this is what makes them so dangerous. It says in verse 5, "...holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power." It says, "Avoid men such as these." In other words, these are people whose character is so bad that it is destructive. And you may find yourself living with a person like this. But listen; there is a love, as I have said before. There is a love that can override this. There's a Love that can restore this. Now, what is the second kind of love that you need to understand? It's "eros" kind of love. "E-r-o-s" is the Greek word. When you hear it, what do you think of? You think of erotic, that's right. "Eros" kind of love is a pleasurable love. It's a love with a lot of chemistry in it. I mean, it's a love that excites. It's a love that turns you on. It's a love that brings you great pleasure. It's a love that appeals to the senses. It's usually that magnetism between a man and a woman. And you know it's all right with God. Because God put us in these kind of bodies. God put us in bodies that respond to touch. God put us in bodies that respond to sight and men are turned on by sight. And women are turned on by touch. And so this is the "eros" kind of love. Now this kind of love, the word "eros", is never used in the Word of God. And yet you know what? I believe it's described in the word of God. It's described in the

book of Song of Solomon. And Song of Solomon is a book that is in the Old Testament. He talks about being in love. In fact, this was a book that young Jewish men and young Jewish girls were not allowed to read until they were older. In Song of Solomon, chapter 7, he says, “How beautiful are your feet in sandals O, princess daughter!” I mean this is the kind of love that picks up your foot and kisses the arch and just, and caresses it and says, “You’re so beautiful.” It’s the kind of love that we as women sometimes dream about having. He says, “The curve of your hips are like jewels, the work of the hands of an artist. Your navel is like a round goblet which never lacks mixed wine. Your belly is like a heap of wheat...,” That’s kind of nice in these days when we’re looking at flat bellies, isn’t it? “...fenced about with lilies. Your two breasts are like two fawns, twins of a gazelle. Your neck is like a tower of ivory. Your eyes like the pools in Heshbon. Your nose is like the tower of Lebanon...,” That doesn’t sound very romantic, but to them it was, “...which faces towards Damascus. Your head crowns you like Carmel, the mountain. And the flowing locks of your head are like purple threads. The king is captivated by your tresses. How beautiful and how delightful you are my love in all your charms. Your stature is like a palm tree and your breasts are like its clusters. And I said ‘I will climb the palm tree. I will take hold of its fruit stocks.’ O, may your breasts be like clusters of the vine and the fragrance of your breath like apples and your mouth like the best wine. It goes down smoothly from my beloved, flowing gently through the lips of those who fall asleep.”

PART TWO

Well, this is the “eros” kind of love. And you know, it’s wonderful and it’s exciting. But it doesn’t always last. This is a wonderful kind of love. It’s given by God and it’s treasured by God, if it’s used in the right way. God says, “Marriage is honorable in all and the bed undefiled...,” but He also says, “...fornicators and adulterers, God will judge.” And this is a love that will not hold you in the difficulties. There’s another kind of love. There’s a

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love that adds not only that erotic pleasure to marriage, but there's a love that makes it just a delight. I mean you can't wait to see each other. You can't wait to get home. You can't wait to talk to each other. You've got to talk to each other. It's a love of a best friend. It's called a "phileo" kind of love. "P-h-i-l-e-o" is the basic Greek word for this kind of love. This is the love of friendship. A husband and a wife ought to be friends. You know what happens though? So many times in our society, where this erotic kind of love is always presented to us, where it's displayed in these larger than life images on the television screens and on the movie screens and where we see it and we see the attraction. We see the lust and we see the passion. So many times we are so confused that we think that this is love that this is the ultimate and because of that, we miss developing this "phileo" kind of love. Can you imagine what would happen in homes all over America and Canada and around the world if when the two mates got together, either when they both came home from work or when the husband came home and found the wife at home and she would just say, "I am so glad to see you. I've missed you. You are so wonderful. You are such an awesome man. You know today, I was just thinking about you and I was just thinking how blessed I am to have a husband like you. I love you so much." Do you realize what that would do for that man? Or when he gets home and he comes in the door. Instead of just throwing down the newspaper and flopping in the chair, turning on the TV, the first thing he has to do is find his wife and tell her, "Honey, I missed you today and I love you and I want you to know that of all the women that I've seen there's no one that can match you." Can you imagine what would happen if we loved each other that way? But now watch. Because it is a love that is in a sense born of admiration, we have to watch it. Because many times when you're at work and a woman starts to admire you as man or you a woman starts to admire another man, just the qualities or just the good job they did on this project or as they set out this budget or whatever. Sometimes when you start sharing and you start admiring, if you don't have that kind of love at home, it makes you very vulnerable because finally, here's someone that appreciates you. Here's

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someone that admires you. Here's someone that has seen these qualities and all of us, all of us need that sense of significance, that sense of importance, that sense of value, that sense of worth. And we're going to talk about that. Not today, but we're going to talk about it next week. But, when we have that, there's drawing and there's a magnetism. And what you have to do is you have to be careful of that kind of a relationship with someone that is not your mate if you are married. It's a "phileo" kind of love. And it's the kind of love that puts a marriage together. Now there's another kind of love. It's the fourth kind of love. And all I'm going to do is tell you about it, but I'm not going to go into it in the depth that I really want to go into it. Because we'll have to wait and we'll have to do that next week. But the fourth kind of love is called an "agape" kind of love or "agape", "a-g-a-p-e" and that's the kind of love, Precious One, that holds a marriage together. That's the kind of love that will never turn around and say, "I'm sorry, I'm walking out because I don't love you anymore." This is a kind of love that has its wellspring. And I'm going to tell you where that wellspring is next week. Because once you discover that wellspring, I want you to know, that you will have the power. You will have the ability to love with a love that is unconditional. To love with a love that is sacrificial. To love with a love that knows no end. To love a person all the way out the door and even say, "Hey, I want you to know this: the door is open if you want to come back because I love you with that kind of love." You know "storge" can come and go. Storge can be demolished in another person, demolished in a child, demolished in a fragile personality. "Eros" can come and go. And there's a time when it will go. There's a time, that's why you have all these ads on Viagra™ and all that. There is a time when that love will go. What love is going it then? Well, the "phileo" kind of love would hold the friendship. But what if all of a sudden a person goes through a personality change? What if there's Alzheimer's? Or what if all of a sudden, there's for instance cancer? I remember before I came to know Jesus Christ, I remember when I went from one man to another man, to another man looking for someone who would love me unconditionally. I was looking for the "agape" kind of love. I

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didn't know it. I didn't understand it. But that's what I was looking for. And I remember how I would say to a man and excuse me; I don't mean to be rude. But this was my femininity. "If I had to have both of my breasts removed, would you still love me?" What was I saying? Would you love me unconditionally? Would you love me all the way? Would you love me if I lost my attractiveness? Would you love me if I lost my sexual appeal? Would you love me that way? You see, I sold myself. And that's what I did. I sold myself on the basis of what I had to offer as a woman, on the basis of my physical attractiveness. That's how I sold myself. And yet what I was looking for when I asked, "Would you love me if...?" was this agape kind of love. My first marriage ended in divorce. It didn't end in divorce because my husband was unfaithful or because he loved another person. It didn't end in divorce because I was unfaithful. I was mentally but I wasn't physically. It didn't end because I loved another person. It ended because there was no phileo left whatsoever. It had been damaged. It had been wounded. It had been in a sense just demeaned because my husband was manic-depressive. But I remember telling my husband, "When you love me the way you ought to love me, then I'll love you." How wrong I was and how I wish I had known and understood about agape love. How I wish that I had received that kind of love. How I wish I had had the ability to give that kind of love. How I wish that someone had had a program that I could have listened to like this and could have discovered the kind of love that would have mended that marriage, would have kept it whole, and would have kept my husband from committing suicide. We're going to talk about that next week, Beloved. And you don't want to miss it.