Message Series:
Our Loving Father GOD
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1. The Steadfast Love of God

1. Serious Reflection:

- Steadfast Father's Love – for His children – immutable, unchangeable, enduring, unyielding, unalterable, constant, undeviating, and eternally fixed.
- Hebrew – "hesed" – used 242 times in the Old Testament, 126 times (ESV) in Psalms: God's covenant love.
    - Psalm 89: 28, 33, 34; Psalm 106: 43-45

2. God's Steadfast Love – strengthens our souls in the worst of times, no matter how desperate!
    - Psalm 59: 9,10, 16, 17; Psalm 61: 1, 2, 78

2. The Awe & Wonder of God's Love: Our Firm Foundation.

- Psalm 5:7; Psalm 57:3,5,10,11

1. David's Main Desire – not just protection but that God's steadfast love displays His Glory!
    - Psalm 6:2-4, 44, 23, 26
2. In times of darkness, fear and anxiety – God's love will not fail you.
    - Psalm 23:4,6; Psalm 25:1,2,57

3. God's Steadfast Faithfulness – Brings Deep Worship

- Psalm 31: 5, 7; Psalm 52:8,9; Psalm 101:1

1. David is an incredible worshiper of God, full of praise and adoration.
    - Psalm 31:21; Psalm 89:1,2
2. Our Hope, Our Solid Rock assurance is in God's promises and steadfast love and it brings God joy when we keep our hope in His love.
    - Psalm 33:18, 20-22

- Our Challenge: Let God's steadfast love dominate your thoughts, conversation, heart attitudes – and spread it to others around you.
    - Psalm: 40:1-3, 10,11,16

Doubting the Love of God

I have a confession to make, and it needs to happen before you read another word of this book. Rarely in my Christian life have I struggled with doubt. My faith has almost always been rock-solid and robust. Sure, there were times when I was confused by things I read in Scripture, times when I shook my head in measured disbelief. But I don't believe I ever seriously wavered in my confidence that God is both good and loving.

Then a 7.8 earthquake struck southeastern Turkey in the spring of 2023. You may remember that day, as word began to spread of several thousand who had died in the rubble of countless buildings and homes that crumbled like they were made of toothpicks. At first, the report was that 6,000 had perished. Later that same day, the number grew to 15,000. The next day, we were told that it was over 30,000 and would probably increase as the rescue efforts escalated. The last time I checked the death toll had risen to over 59,000.

Joseph Stalin, Russian dictator who succeeded Vladimir Lenin the aftermath of the October Revolution, is reported to have said, "One death is a tragedy, a million deaths a statistic." How coldly brutal and uncaring that is. But I understand the sentiment. As the number of those who died in Turkey and Syria continued to climb each day, I began to lose sight that each number represented a human being, several thousand of whom were under the age of five. We weep over one death, but a fog of indifference clouds our souls when the number is so great that the people who died become little more than an unidentifiable mass.

~ Sam Storms

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