LIFE TOGETHER NOTES
SERMON SERIES: THE PURSUIT OF LOVE
"STORGE LOVE – FAMILIAL AFFECTION"
Week of September 6, 2026

Bible Passages: Luke 15:11-32 (The Parable of the Prodigal Son), Romans 12:9-13

Context:
In this four-week sermon series we are going to focus on four different ways in which the Greek language uses the word "love." In our English language we only use one word. Today we are going to focus on the word "storge," which is used in the two passages above. The word literally means "natural or instinctual affection." It most commonly refers to the "familiar," or "family love." The kind of love that is shared between family members, such as parents, children, and siblings. But it also is used to describe the relationship between close and loyal companions. In the parable of the Prodigal Son, we will see how the father exhibits "storge" or "familial love." In Romans 12:9-13, Paul uses the word to teach the believers in Rome how they should treat each other.

Icebreakers:

1. How long have you been at *Christ the King* and what brought you here?

2. What led you to want to join a Life Together group?

3. What is your favorite ice cream?

Have someone read: Luke 15:11-32 & Romans 12:9-13

Digging Deeper:

1. There are at least four ways in which the father displays "storge" love to his son. See if you can find them.

2. Why do you think the older brother reacted so strongly to the love the father gave his younger son?

3. How does the father's scanning the horizon show God's love?

4. How did the father react when he saw his son coming home? What does this tell us about God?

5. In Romans 12:9-13 he tells the church to "*Be devoted to one another in love*" by using a form of the word "storge." How is love in one's family like the love we have for each other in the church?

Application for Daily Life:

1. Who in your life do you need to exhibit the type of love the father in the story gave to his son?

2. Who has shown this type of love to you in your life?

3. We often call *Christ the King* a "family." Do you think this is true? In what ways could we make it even more like a family?

Close your time in prayer, praying for each other's requests!