House On The Rock Life Group Study outline

February: The Manifestation of Sons

Week 3 – Love is the Greatest

Introduction

There are many stories, songs and other cultural emblems dedicated to love, possibly more than any other human virtue. In Christianity, the story our sonship begins with love – "for God so loved the world that he gave". If we are to be sons of our father, then love is the key to our manifestation as sons. Why is love so important, and how does it enable us to manifest as sons of God?

Pilot text

<u>1 Cor 13:8</u> And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

<u>Gal 5:6</u> For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.

- What is love, according to the Bible?
 - o 1 Jn 4:8, Jn 3:16, Romans 5:8, 1 Jn 4:9-10, 1 Cor 13:4-8
- What is God's mandate to us when it comes to love?
 - o Matt 22:37, Matt 22:39, Rom 13:9-10, Matt 5:44-45, Luke 6:35, Eph 5:2, 1 Jn 1:5-6
- Manifesting as sons of God through walking in love
 - o 1 Jn 4:20-21, Eph 5:1-2, 2 Cor 5:14-15, 2 Cor 5:18-19
- Does walking in love mean being taken advantage of? [Open discussion]
- Take home actions
 - Have you have been walking in love towards that difficult person in your life? How can you do better?

Note:

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