

A Mothers Love



The three children sat around their Mother for a story.
The youngest child being the most eager asked...

“Mom, what does *Love* mean?

The Mother smiled at her Youngest child

She started to share how she felt...what she thought...& what she did as examples of her Love.

- She expressed how happy she was to watch her children play, laugh, learn and grow
- She expressed her joy, happiness & gratitude for having the gift of raising children of her own.
- She shared how she felt blessed at having a home where they were cared for, nurtured, protected and safe.

And she also expressed how grateful she was of having the opportunity to install the morals, ethics, and values associated with being a good person...

Tenants that drew from Faith, from Nature, from Philosophy which espoused the virtues of sharing, giving and being of *Service*.



A Mothers Service



“Mom, what does *Service* mean?”

The Mother smiled at her Middlechild.

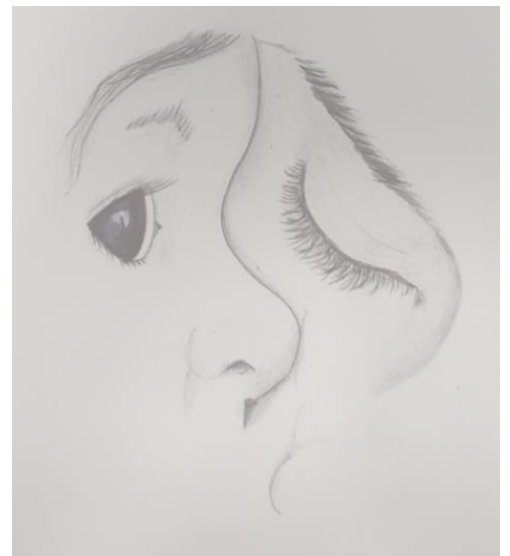
She shared how it basically meant that you're available to help others even when they least expect it. She gave some examples such as:

- When You give someone a glass of water
- When You make someone's burden, that they carrying , a little bit lighter
- Or...When You share your blessings with those less fortunate

She said it shows your humanity, that you care, that you take the time to listen, that you attempt to understand with empathy, sympathy and compassion.

Essentially, being available to help family & friends, colleagues at work, people in your community, society at large and if need be...your country.

It shows that you're unselfish, that you value the tenants of Love and sometimes you have to make a *Sacrifice*.



A Mothers Sacrifice



“Mom, what does *Sacrifice* mean?”

*The Mother smiled at her **Eld**est child.*

The Mom thought for a second... & answered “It’s putting the needs of others before yourself”

She said Sacrifice can take many **FORMS** but often it’s the sum of a lot of little things... Those little things include:

- You putting forth the effort on expanding your mind, building your body and developing your life skills when you could be doing something less arduous
- It means learning how to be patient even though results of your endeavor are not what you were expecting, yet you continue on with focus, discipline and mental toughness towards your goal
- It’s lifting up others and you willing to stay in the background without any expectation of reward
- It’s having the courage to give **ALL** your time or **ALL** your money for what your heart tells you

She paused, her eyes softened and with a softer voice said there is one **FORM** that is known as the Ultimate Sacrifice...it’s when you give your life for those tenants, whether it’s based upon Love, Service, Faith, but it’s what you hold **TRUE**.

The Mother looked upon all three children and said ... but there is one more thing I wanted to share about Love.

Love is your realization of the Infinite Divine...meaning that you can feel it, express it, for it is eternal.

All you have to do is close your eyes and feel what is **TRUE** to you.

The Three Children ...

Were now teenagers and as they grew into adulthood, they joined the Military to uphold their tenants For Love of Country and Serving to Protect their fellow Citizens. And in that Love of Service ... they made the *Ultimate Sacrifice*.



A Mothers Courage



A few Thousand Years Ago...

During the End of the Day of Battle
When the Field was Cleared

...If the Warrior removing the slain Warrior knew the name of the Warrior
...They would call his name three times into the night as a form of
remembering their sacrifice

In today's Military Honor Guard Service....
We present three fired cartridges to the next of kin to signify

“DUTY, HONOR, SACRIFICE”

