

***Questioning God's Love***  
***Malachi 1:1-5***  
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**Isaiah 38:1-3**

**What happens when we question God's love?**

**1) God declares His burden of love 1:1-2a**

- Is. 1:2-3

**2) We can grow indifferent to His love 1:2b**

- 1 John 2:15-17; 3:18

**3) God doesn't need to explain, but does 1:2c-5**

- Gen. 25:30; 36:8
- 2 Ch. 21:8,10; Ezek. 25:12-14; Ob. 1:8
- Pro. 13:24; Mat. 6:24; Luke 14:26; [Matt. 10:37]

**God's love is strongly stated in Scripture**

- God's love for you is perfect and eternal John 3:16
- Nothing can frustrate God's love or plan in our lives 1 Cor. 10:13.
- God will allow you to wander, become indifferent and forget 1 John 2:15-17
- You will choose what you will pursue – God's love or the world Ps. 26:3
- Your response determines your understanding of His love Rom. 8:31-39

***There is nothing more clear than God's love;  
question God's love and you'll become miserable,  
trust God and you'll experience more love than you can imagine.***

**Message Based Discussion Questions**

- 1) Have you ever seen a child grow indifferent to his parent's love? How would you describe it?

**Digging Deeper**

- 2) What are Scripture passages that describe God's love?
- 3) What does Romans 1:21-32 and Ephesians 4:17-19 describe? \_\_\_\_\_ Why do people grow indifferent toward God's love?
- 4) What do you learn from the following passages about Edom (1 Kings 11:11-25; 2 Kings 14:7-10; 2 Chron. 25:19; Ps. 60:8-9; Ps. 108:9,10; 137:7; Is. 11:14; 34:5)?

**Making application of the message to life:**

- 5) Why does God allow antagonism toward His people if He loves them?
- 6) How would you disciple someone to understand the confidence he can have of God's love?
- 7) If God was willing to explain his love to Israel, what should our response be to others when they question us? Is that response the same in every case?