

## A Love Story from God

"I loved you before the first sunrise and I will love you after the last sunset. I wrote you the first book of love and saved the first gift of love for you. I feed and clothe you everyday out of love. And I would never expect you to love me unless I loved you first." ---- *Excerpt From Short story "Rightly So"*

### **The Five Illustrations of God's Love**

1. The Magnitude of His Love – "Before the first sunrise and after the last sunset"  
Psalm 139:13-14  
Matthew 28:19-20
2. The Book of His Love – "I wrote you the first book of love"  
John 1:1
3. The Gift of His Love – "and saved the first gift of love for you"  
John 3:16  
Ephesians 2:8  
Romans 6:3
4. The Provisions of His Love – "I feed and clothe you everyday out of love."  
Matthew 6:25-34
5. The Conditions Of His Love - "And I would never expect you to love me unless I loved you first."  
John 15:3  
1John 4:10 - Unconditional Love

### **How We Sometimes React To God's Love**

1. We don't make any move to fix our mistakes.  
(He cleans up after our own messes)
2. We are preoccupied with our own Advice  
(Our advice seems better than His and we clumsily set aside His Word)
3. We don't see the value and cost of His Gift  
(We treat it like a trinket and toss it aside)
4. We don't accept His provisions  
(We get caught up in our own busyness and try to work things out on our own)
5. We don't accept that He can love us in our fallen State  
(We feel we need to work to earn His love)

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