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MORNING SONG 2 C.M.

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LEAD-IN: In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (1 John 4:10, NASB)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

Picture This

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A poor widow generously gives her last two meager coins, all that she has to live on.

A father is horribly mistreated by His wayward son.

But when the son finally comes home, penniless and half-starved, the father runs to him and joyfully smothers him with love and gifts and forgiveness.

The King of All Kings makes Himself a poor, powerless peasant. He lives homeless and without a family so that all the people can be His family.

He feeds and heals and teaches everyone who comes to Him. He frees those tormented by demons and raises the dead.

Finally, He gives Himself as the full and final sacrifice for all their sins. To celebrate their deliverance, He makes Himself their feast: His own body becomes the bread broken for them. His own blood becomes the wine poured out for them.

All these are living portraits of the glorious love of our glorious God, drawn by the life and death of His only Son, Jesus Christ.

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