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Speaking for myself, the Gospel message doesn’t seem to make sense. In Matthew’s Gospel this week, Matthew states, “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me.” In a moment of grace, the message is clear…do not be afraid. It is about complete trust! It does make sense because I love the Lord and because of this love for the Lord I am able to love my father and mother. Life is full of complicated relationships with family members and work relationships. The way that I am going to be able to love others is the way the Lord loves them. The God in me loves them because I alone cannot do it. It can be hard to love others that hurt you. Be not afraid! We need not be afraid and trust that the God in me is able to love more than I ever imagined.