Eight Greek Facets of Love

The ancient Greeks recognized eight distinct words to describe the different facets and experiences of love.
The challenge is to identify these facets of love in the relationship in Holy Scripture and as we enter into life's relationships.

- **Agape (Unconditional / Selfless Love):** A boundless, empathetic love for all humanity, nature, or a higher power, given without expecting anything in return.
- **Philia (Deep Friendship):** Affectionate, platonic love based on mutual respect, shared values, and loyalty between equals.
- **Pragma (Enduring / Practical Love):** A mature, long-standing commitment built on patience, compromise, and shared goals over-time.
- **Storge (Familial Love):** The natural, protective affection and familiarity between family members or childhood companions.
- **Philautia (Self-Love):** Healthy self-compassion and appreciation for one's own mind and soul, viewed as a base for loving others.
- **Ludus (Playful Love):** Lighthearted, flirtatious affection seen in the early stages of dating, teasing, or bantering with friends.
- **Eros (Romantic / Passionate Love):** Named after the Greek god of fertility, this is primal, intense physical desire and romantic infatuation.
- **Mania (Obsessive Love):** An intense, consuming attachment marked by jealousy, possessiveness, and codependency