

UNICO THE LION SERVICE ABOVE SELF

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Nahum 1:7 the Lord is good a stronghold in the days of trouble
He cares for those who trust in Him.

Unico the lion was a righteous lion indeed he would always place Service Above Self in reaching out and helping others for the glory of God. One day as Unico was out roaming the plains with his two sons they came across a very strange bump in the ground, his older son Palu ran over to it and pounced on top of this very strange bolder. Unico's younger son Keiva tried biting and scratching at the strange rock but no matter how hard he tried he couldn't penetrate or even scratch this very strange object.

Their father Unico knew exactly what this strange object was and was standing off to the side laughing and no matter how hard his sons tried to move the huge boulder they couldn't do it, they simply couldn't move it no matter how hard they tried. They kept trying harder and harder until they dropped to the ground in total exhaustion, then Unico called out,

“Thomas my old friend, it's Unico it's safe to come out now.”

“Unico is that you my friend?”

“Yes, please come out and share some of your wisdom with my two sons.”

Then the strange boulder began to move all about as the dirt began to move and the rocks begin to fall away from the big strange boulder, then a face appeared with two legs and claws and with a big smile on his face he turned to the two young Lions and said,

“Hello young lions, my name is Thomas the Desert Tortoise. It's good to see you Unico my old friend.”

“Thomas, I have brought my two young sons here to see you today so that they could hear one of your many stories of wisdom. Please, do you have a story that you can share with my two sons?”

“Yes, yes, a very special story comes to mind, gather around boys and sit for a spell and I will tell you the tale about the time your father saved my life.

Back in the day before I knew your father the tortoises were on the move from a far off land because there had been a flood that forced us all to move so we decided to go in land which began the great migration of the desert tortoises of this unforgiving land.

At some point on our journey a great dust storm arose it blew in like a tidal wave with blinding sands and howling winds the tortoises kept moving but I decided to take shelter in some rocks until the storm had passed. Then a few hours later when the sun came out I decided to continue on my journey but to my surprise I was stuck and no matter how hard I tried I just couldn't get out, meanwhile your father who was just a little lion cub at the time was in the area playing with his older brother and four sisters. I decided to take a chance and yell for help, your dad heard me and told his brother and sisters that he was going to come to my aid and help, they told him not to bother, they said it was a waste of time and they said, “ Let that turtle be Unico.” They told your father that it wasn't their problem but your father being lion that he came running to my aid and started to dig with all his might. Now when his older brother and sisters saw how their younger brother was placing Service Above Self in reaching out to help me, so they all decided to come running over to help and in a very short time I was set free.”

“WOW Dad you did that? Awesome!!!”

Unico looked at his two sons and reminded them to treat others as we ourselves would want to be treated and to love thy neighbor as thy self because that's what life is all about. Then Unico and his two sons said their goodbyes to Thomas and off they went with another lessoned learned under God's protection and love...Amen John 14:27