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Trusting God's Loving Kindness



When you grasp God's loving kindness, trust naturally follows!

The Hebrew word *ḥesed* describes loyal love, often connected with God's covenant promises. In the book of Ruth, we see *ḥesed* expressed by her faithful love and care for Naomi no matter what.

Have you ever received unexpected kindness when you needed it most? A visit, practical help, or forgiveness gives us a glimpse of God's faithful love in action.

1. God's loving kindness is part of his _____.

"For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. (Psa. 100:5 NIV)

2. God's loving kindness is _____.

Scriptures: Psa.103:8–12; Ephesians 2:4–9; Titus 3:4–5.

"But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit" (Tit 3:4-5 NIV)

3. God's loving kindness _____.

Scriptures: Lamentations 3:21–23; Psa.136:1–26; Isaiah 54:10.

"Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you." (Isa 54:10 NIV).

4. God's loving kindness is _____.

Scriptures: Psa.23:1–6; Psa. 139:1–10; Isaiah 49:15–16.

"The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever." (Psa. 23:1-6 NIV)

5. God's loving kindness leads to _____ and _____.

Scriptures: Hosea 2:19–20; Micah 7:18–19; Psa.51:1–2.

"When the prophet Nathan came to him after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. "(Psa. 51:1-2 NIV)

6. God's loving kindness is perfectly revealed in _____.

Scriptures: John 1:14–17; Romans 5:6–8; Titus 3:4–7.

"*You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*" (Rom 5:6-8 NIV)

7. God's loving kindness should flow _____.

Scriptures: Micah 6:8; Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:12–14; Luke 6:35–36.

"*Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*" (Eph 4:32 NIV)

SUMMARY

God's loving kindness is His loyal, faithful love in action. It flows from His character, comes to us by His mercy, and endures through every circumstance. His care is personal: He knows our needs, walks with us through dark valleys, and offers forgiveness and restoration when we turn to Him. We see this love most clearly in Jesus Christ, who died for us while we were still sinners.

Trusting God's loving kindness does not mean we will always understand His ways. It means we can depend on His character even when we cannot understand our circumstances. The cross gives us a firm foundation for that trust.

PERSONAL APPLICATION

1. **Remember God's loving kindness when circumstances are** _____
2. **Recognize God's loving kindness in** _____.
3. **Reflect God's loving kindness toward** _____.