

Love Mercy and Walk  
Humbly with our God



Mercy?



# Micah 6:8

KJV ... what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to **love mercy**, and to walk humbly with thy God.

NASB ... what does the LORD require of you, But to do justice, **to love kindness**, and to walk humbly with your God.

NIV ... what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to **love mercy** and to walk humbly with your God.

ESV ... what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and **to love kindness**, and to walk humbly with your God.

NET ... He wants you to promote justice, **to be faithful**, and to live obediently before your God.

YLT ... to do judgment, and **love kindness**, And lowly to walk with thy God

DBT ... but to do justly, and to **love goodness**, and to walk humbly with thy God



# Loving Kindness



# Part of God's Character

## Ex 34

<sup>6</sup> Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in **lovingkindness** and truth; <sup>7</sup> who keeps **lovingkindness** for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave *the guilty* unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations."



# God showed Loving Kindness During Joseph's Trials

## Gen 39

<sup>19</sup> Now when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spoke to him, saying, "This is what your slave did to me," his anger burned. <sup>20</sup> So Joseph's master took him and put him into the jail, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; and he was there in the jail. <sup>21</sup> But the LORD was with Joseph and extended **kindness** to him, and gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer.



# Acts of Kindness lead to Additional Acts of Kindness

1 Sam 11 Jabesh-gilead save by Saul. 1<sup>st</sup> act as King.

1 Sam 31

<sup>11</sup> Now when the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead heard what the Philistines had done to Saul, <sup>12</sup> all the valiant **men rose and walked all night**, and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Beth-shan, and they came to Jabesh and burned them there. <sup>13</sup> They took their bones and buried them under the tamarisk tree at Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

2 Sam 2

And they told David, saying, “It was the men of Jabesh-gilead who buried Saul.” <sup>5</sup> David sent messengers to the men of Jabesh-gilead, and said to them, “May you be blessed of the Lord because you have shown this **kindness** to Saul your lord, and have buried him. <sup>6</sup> Now may the Lord show **lovingkindness** and truth to you; and I also will show this goodness to you, because you have done this thing.



# Constant in the Psalms

Ps 5

<sup>7</sup> But as for me, by Your abundant **lovingkindness** I will enter Your house, At Your holy temple I will bow in reverence for You.

<sup>8</sup> O LORD, lead me in Your righteousness because of my foes; Make Your way straight before me.

Ps 52

<sup>8</sup> But as for me, I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; I trust in the **lovingkindness** of God forever and ever.





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Ps 36

<sup>5</sup> Your **lovingkindness**, O LORD, extends to the heavens, Your faithfulness *reaches* to the skies.

<sup>6</sup> Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; Your judgments are *like* a great deep.

O LORD, You preserve man and beast.

<sup>7</sup> How precious is Your **lovingkindness**, O God! And the children of men take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.



# Lovingkindness is all that we have experienced – Ps 136

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,  
For His **lovingkindness** is everlasting.

<sup>2</sup> Give thanks to the God of gods,  
For His **lovingkindness** is everlasting.

<sup>3</sup> Give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
For His **lovingkindness** is everlasting.

<sup>4</sup> To Him who alone does great wonders,  
For His **lovingkindness** is everlasting;

<sup>5</sup> To Him who made the heavens with skill,  
For His **lovingkindness** is everlasting;

<sup>6</sup> To Him who spread out the earth above the waters,  
For His **lovingkindness** is everlasting;

<sup>7</sup> To Him who made *the* great lights,  
For His **lovingkindness** is everlasting:

<sup>21</sup> And gave their land as a heritage,  
For His **lovingkindness** is everlasting,

<sup>22</sup> Even a heritage to Israel His servant,  
For His **lovingkindness** is everlasting.

<sup>23</sup> Who remembered us in our low estate,  
For His **lovingkindness** is everlasting,

<sup>24</sup> And has rescued us from our adversaries,  
For His **lovingkindness** is everlasting;

<sup>25</sup> Who gives food to all flesh,  
For His **lovingkindness** is everlasting.

<sup>26</sup> Give thanks to the God of heaven,  
For His **lovingkindness** is everlasting.



# Love Lovingkindness...

To Love Lovingkindness...

to show compassion and a warm heart towards all

“Generosity is the most natural outward expression of an inner attitude of compassion and loving-kindness.”

— Dalai Lama XIV



# “walk humbly with your God”

Walking....

Not Sitting...

Not Bowing...

Not Sleeping...

Not Meditating...

Not Studying...



# “walk humbly with your God”

With...

Not behind

Not in front

Not the other way

Requires a common goal



# “walk humbly with your God”

Humility in all that we do on our walk....

Humble in preaching,

Humble in teaching,

Humble in serving,

Humble in ruling,

Humble in leading,

Humble in parenting,

Humble in our marriages,

Humble in our friendships....

Humble in everything we do.....

1 Cor 10:31 “whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”



# Christ is the example of Humility

John 13 – Jesus washes his disciples feet.

PTL 16 – Brother, sister, let me serve you



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## Phil 2

<sup>7</sup> but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> Being found in appearance as a man, He **humbled** Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,

## Matt 11

<sup>28</sup> “Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for **I am gentle and humble in heart**, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”





# God sets the example of Compassion in the Last Days

Micah 7

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<sup>16</sup> Nations will see and be ashamed of all their might. They will put *their* hand on *their* mouth, their ears will be deaf.

<sup>17</sup> They will lick the dust like a serpent, like reptiles of the earth. They will come trembling out of their fortresses; To the LORD our God they will come in dread and they will be afraid before You.

<sup>18</sup> Who is a God like you, **who pardons iniquity and passes over the rebellious act** of the remnant of His possession? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in unchanging love.

<sup>19</sup> He will again **have compassion on us**; He will tread our iniquities under foot. Yes, You will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.

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