



Welcome!

November 18, 2018

“If the Son sets you free... you are free indeed!”

-John 8:36

Nursery (up to 2 years) is available during the entire service.
Kids (3 years old through Kindergarten) are dismissed after music.

Our Worship Gathering

Welcome and Call to Worship

Worship

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Your Grace is Enough

Chain Breaker

Offering & Announcements

Dismiss for KidzKorner

Preparatory Worship

Good Good Father

Prayer

Message: “A Fruitful Life: Kindness”

Pastor Scott

Closing Song

Revelation Song

Prayer

Please join us for fellowship and food in the foyer.

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Prayer Matters

Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth.
John 17:17 (NLT)

Families

Cheri

Rain

Berean Church

North Pointe Community Church; Lincoln, NE (Andy & Hope)

LEAD Team

Scott & Lyndsey, Trent & Caryn, Ray & Rosi, Rebecca, Jerry, Ted & Judy

Other

C.R.-needs a place to live

Wildfires in California

Thanksgiving Week

Upcoming Events:

11/21 (Wednesday): No gathering, Thanksgiving on 11/22

11/28 (Wednesday): Family Game Night @ 6:30 pm

12/5: Prayer @ 6:30 pm

Announcements:

*Are you receiving the weekly emails from Pastor Scott? If not, let him know and he will add you to the list.

*You can also give online (www.ColoradoFreedomChurch.com) or through the FC mobile app (App Store & Google Play)

Unfailing Love = Lovingkindness

Psalm 36:7: *How precious is your unfailing love, O God! All humanity finds shelter in the shadow of your wings.*

Psalm 69:16: *Answer my prayers, O Lord, for your unfailing love is wonderful. Take care of me, for your mercy is so plentiful.*

Psalm 17:7: *Show me your unfailing love in wonderful ways. By your mighty power you rescue those who seek refuge from their enemies.*

Psalm 117:2: *For his unfailing love for us is powerful; the Lord's faithfulness endures forever. Praise the Lord!*

Psalm 63:3: *Your unfailing love is better than life itself; how I praise you!*

Galatians 5:16-25

John 15:1-17

The Vine (Jesus);

The Vinedresser (God the Father);

The Branches (Us);

The Fruit (Holy Spirit)

Fruit:

“The fruit of the Spirit is more than an attitude or a trait that we desire; it is evidence that the Holy Spirit lives in us.”

Kindness: (Gk: *chrēstotēs*)

Webster's 1828: “Good will; benevolence; that temper or disposition which *delights in contributing to the happiness of others*, which is exercised cheerfully in gratifying their wishes, supplying their wants or alleviating their distresses”

Two big ideas about kindness before we get to our story today:

1. God's kindness towards sinners leads to repentance (Romans 2:4: “*Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?*”)

2. God's kindness towards Christians encourages us to be kind to others (Romans 11:22a: “*Notice how God is both kind and severe. He is severe toward those who disobeyed, but kind to you if you continue to trust in his kindness.*”)

Story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-35)

1. Kindness is full of compassion

The priest/Levite thought “what is going to happen to me?” while the good Samaritan thought “what will happen to the man if I don’t help?”

-Ephesians 4:32: *“be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.”*

2. Kindness takes action

Not only are kind people full of compassion, they do something about it.

-Who can we be kind to?

Family, Work Associates, Neighbors, Strangers

3. Kindness is powerful.

Kind people are sensitive to others’ needs. Philippians 2:4, *“Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.”*

Kind people look for opportunities to encourage others.

So what? (Learn & Do)

1. Praise God for His unending Kindness to us. Thank others who have been kind to you.
2. Let your schedule be interrupted.
3. Cultivate Kindness in your relationships.

Marriage	Family	Work
Finances	God	Friends
Church	Neighbors	Self

Kindness: help people in a pleasant way; treat them better than they deserve; no record of wrong

Am I:

- pleasant,
- merciful, and
- encouraging?

Titus 3:4-7: “When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, ⁵ he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. ⁶ He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior. ⁷ Because of his grace he made us right in his sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.”

Questions and Resources for further study:¹

1. What are some results of kindness that you've seen in your life or some else's?

Read 2 Samuel 9 and answer questions 2-10:

2. Why was it important to David to show kindness to Saul's family?

3. Keeping in mind that Saul had been David's mortal enemy, what reasons would David have had for not doing this?

4. What does this action reveal about David's character?

5. Do you think David was just dutifully fulfilling his covenant with Jonathan? What evidence do you find for your answer?

6. As Jonathan's dear friend and also as king of Israel, what mixed emotions might David have felt when she saw Jonathan's son, Mephibosheth?

7. Why would Mephibosheth have had reason to be afraid of King David?

8. What specific actions did David's kindness lead to (Verse 7)?

9. How do think David's kindness made Mephibosheth feel?

10. What overall aspects and effects of kindness can you glean from this story?

Read Ephesians 2:4-7 and answer questions 11-12:

11. How has God shown kindness to us? What is His motivation?

12. In what ways are grace and kindness intertwined?

13. *Read Ephesians 4:32.* Is there a current situation in which you are struggling to be kind? What makes it hard for you be compassionate in this situation? What is God asking you to do?

¹ Questions adapted from "The Fruit of the Spirit" by Stuart Briscoe and "Fruit of the Spirit" by Hazel Offner