Lovingkindness - God's Commitment

> A message by Pastor Lynn Lincoln

"Who is wise? Let him consider or understand the lovingkindness of the Lord."

Pslam 107:43

"Please Lord, was not that what I said while I was still in my own country? Therefore in order to forestall this I fled to Tarshish, for I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, and one who relents concerning calamity."

Jonah 4:2

"You first have to understand my lovingkindness. Not one prophet could prophesy until he first had revelation of His lovingkindness."

- David Wilkerson

Hesed: loyal, steadfast, faithful love.

- It stresses the idea of belonging together
- Being involved in a love relationship
- Speaks of devotion and desire
- Not a casual relationship
- It's a covenantal commitment

Lovingkindness produces ...

- Freedom from shame and fear
- Sonship acceptance and belonging
- Deep love deeds of devotion
- Faithfulness binding promises
- · Loyalty unswerving allegiance
- The willingness to sacrifice
- Tender and benevolent affections
- Love for others

"To love means to commit oneself without guarantee, to give oneself completely in the hope that our love will produce love in the loved one. Love is an act of faith, and whatever is of little faith is of little love."

- Erich Fromm

Hear: Let Him draw you with His lovingkindness Jeremiah 31:3

Embrace: Believe - God delights in and exercises lovingkindness to those He is loves. Jeremiah 9:23-24

Shift: Unite your heart with His and stop measuring your life with others or measuring others by your life/standards.

Engage: "I dare to appeal to you, because you know I have a deep sense of your lovingkindness by which I have been led to love and obey you." Psalm 23

Demonstrate: After you have accepted this truth for yourself, give it away. Love like Jesus loves.