





BEYOND THE WALLS

OUR 2020 FOCUS



Sermon Title: The Character of Kindness

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**Who is the
Kindest
Person You
know?**

**WHAT IS THE KINDEST
THING ANYONE HAS DONE
FOR YOU?**



Kindness is...

MORE THAN BEING POLITE.
IT'S BEING HELPFUL.



ACTS 10

The Good Samaritan



Kindness is...


NOT A FEELING, IT'S AN ACTION.





Kindness is...

NOT DOING WHAT IS REQUIRED,
it is going BEYOND WHAT IS
REQUIRED.



When we are kind, we may get
burned.





According to Scripture, the kind soul
will have the better life and afterlife -
and the more prosperous soul, and
better relationships than the jerk.



1 KINGS 17:8-9

“8 Then the word of the Lord came to him:
9 ‘Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food.’”



1 KINGS 17:10

10 So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, “Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?”



1 KINGS 17:11

11 As she was going to get it, he called, “And bring me, please, a piece of bread.”

Single mom.



**No one was
helping her.**



**She was hit by
tragedies.**



**We do not know
her name, but
we do know her
struggle.**



**Since we know
her struggle, we
know her
character.**





HEBREWS 13:2

“Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.”

The most **RANDOM** person
may be the very person who
God uses to give you the
desires of your heart and
connect you to your destiny.



**Anyone can be kind to
a King, a Queen, a
Pharaoh, a Billionaire,
a Celebrity, a Beauty
Queen, or the Big
Boss...**



**Character is who you
are at all times to all
people.**



**The Character of
Kindness is different
than an Act of
Kindness**



UNDERCOVER
BOSS





1 KINGS 17:12

12 “As surely as the Lord your God lives,” she replied, “I don’t have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—
and die.”



1 KINGS 17:13

13 Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son.

Be Kind towards:

- Yourself
- Family
- Strangers





1 KINGS 17:14-15

14 For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says:
‘The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil
will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain on the
land.’”¹⁵ She went away and did as Elijah had told her.
So there was food every day for Elijah and for the
woman and her family.



1 KINGS 17:16

16 For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah...

**When you are in need,
you may need to sow a
seed.**





GALATIANS 6:7

“for whatever a man sows, this
he will also reap.”

- Lacking Joy? Sow Joy.
- Friendship Famine? Sow Friendship.
- Want Honor and Respect? Sow it.
- Dreams not being fulfilled?
Sow into someone else's dream.





1 KINGS 17:17

Some time later the son of the woman who owned the house became ill. He grew worse and worse, and finally stopped breathing.



1 KINGS 17:18

She said to Elijah, “What do you have against me, man of God? Did you come to remind me of my sin and kill my son?”



1 KINGS 17:19

19 “Give me your son,” Elijah replied. He took him from her arms, carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his bed.



1 KINGS 17:20

20 Then he cried out to the Lord, “Lord my God, have you brought tragedy even on this widow I am staying with, by causing her son to die?”



JAMES 5:17

"Elijah was a man just like us...he prayed..."

**When you open up
your heart and home,
God's power may flow
into your situation.**



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