

. . . it is the prayer of an adoring child,  
somewhat jealous for its parent. And we  
want to let ourselves sense its longing that  
“Abba,” who in this case really is “the  
greatest,” should be recognized as such.

Dallas Willard, *The Divine Conspiracy*

## 1 Corinthians 13:1-4

**1** If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. **2** If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing

## I Corinthians 13:1-4

**3** If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

**4** Love is patient, love is kind.

**Kindness is the language which the deaf  
can hear and the blind can see.**

**~Mark Twain**

**Kindness is in our power, even when  
fondness is not.**

**~Samuel Johnson**

**The best portion of a good man's life - his  
little, nameless, unremembered acts of  
kindness and love.**

**~William Wordsworth**

# Psalm 136

**His lovingkindness endures forever**

**Lovingkindness=HESED**

# Exodus 34:6

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

## II Corinthians 10:10

For some say, "His letters are weighty and forceful, but in person he is unimpressive and his speaking amounts to nothing."

## II Corinthians 6:4-6

4Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; 5in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; 6in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love

## Ruth 1:16-17

“Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried.”

1. Kind people are Loyal

2. Kind people bear with  
the failings of others

## Ruth 2:11-12

"I've been told all about what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband—how you left your father and mother and your homeland and came to live with a people you did not know before. **12** May the LORD repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge."

## Ruth 2:20

"The LORD bless him!" Naomi said to her daughter-in-law. "He has not stopped showing his kindness to the living and the dead." She added, "That man is our close relative; he is one of our kinsman-redeemers."

## Ruth 3:10-13

"This kindness is greater than that which you showed earlier: You have not run after the younger men, whether rich or poor. **11**

And now, my daughter, don't be afraid. I will do for you all you ask. All my fellow townsmen know that you are a woman of noble character.

## Ruth 3:10-13

**12** Although it is true that I am near of kin, there is a kinsman-redeemer nearer than I.

**13** Stay here for the night, and in the morning if he wants to redeem, good; let him redeem. But if he is not willing, as surely as the LORD lives I will do it. Lie here until morning.”

3. Kind people go the  
extra mile

## Ruth 3:14-17

"Praise be to the LORD, who this day has not left you without a kinsman-redeemer. May he become famous throughout Israel! **15** He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age. For your daughter-in-law, who loves you and who is better to you than seven sons, has given him birth."

## Ruth 3:14-17

**16** Then Naomi took the child, laid him in her lap and cared for him. **17** The women living there said, "Naomi has a son." And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse,  
the father of David.

## Micah 6:8 (NASB)

8He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, to love kindness And to walk humbly with your God?