

THE LOVING -KINDNESS OF GOD

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GREETING

It is such a blessing for me to be with you and to bring you the Gospel of God's Grace. God is a good God and He smiles over our life and we are here to hear of His loving kindness and His goodness and how much He loves us because we cannot have a successful life outside of an understanding of how much God loves us. Before we start our Service, let us pray.

Father, I want to thank You so much for everybody who have slotted in to this broadcast. I thank You that they are blessed and that their minds are open and that You just empower me to speak Your Gospel in such a powerful way. I thank You that each one of us will walk out of this Service blessed with Your goodness. Amen

COMMUNION

As our custom is, we have Communion together every Sunday and I'm going to talk a little about a very well known passage in Matthew 11 as we have this Communion. Before we get into the Communion I want to say this to you: You need to understand that the blood of Jesus and the body of Jesus Christ is not a place where you have to feel condemned. It's a place of acceptance. It's a place where we see the loving kindness and the goodness of God on display where we can experience His love and His peace and His joy. That is what it is all about.

So, first of all, I want to say to you that if you have any sin in your life, if you have things in your life that is not right, I want you to know that God wants to comfort you. He wants to bless you. He wants you to know that He loves you and from a place of absolute security and a place of love, He will heal you of what is hurting you. That is what this is all about.

You know, when someone is in a motor car accident, the first thing you need to do is stabilize him. If you don't stabilize him, you can injure him further and he can even die. In the same way, when we have to do with God, there needs to be a place where we are stabilized, where we are at a place where we feel safe and comfortable... a stable place. The only place where we can really feel stable is in God's love for us. So I want to say to you that it doesn't matter what your problem is it cannot be sorted out outside of the stability of God's love.

I've seen it so many times where people try to get healed and try to have their problems solved outside of the stability that the love of God provides and they just injure themselves further. For instance, when it comes to finances I've seen folk, of which I am one myself, where you come to a place where you want your money healed but you're not approaching that healing from the stability of the love of God, if we define it according to the Law, the unconditional love of God where there is no Law condition needed. The love of God where value is the emphasis. I mean, I didn't approach money from that perspective and what happened from an unstable place is I fell into all kinds of doctrines about money that just harmed me more.

In the very same way, it is about the Gospel. Any healing, anything you need in your life must come from a deep revelation of your full acceptance of Jesus.

Matthew 11:

28 Come unto me, all you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and you shall find rest unto your souls.

30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

That word, yoke, also means doctrine or teaching or command. It says here, Come **unto me, all you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.** The first thing that the Lord wants to do is bring rest to you. So when we take the Communion today, we are thinking of the rest that God provides for us in Jesus Christ. We're not thinking on what is the next thing that I must do for God or what is the next thing that will put a smile on God's face or the next thing that is going to change my situation. Come as you are! God doesn't love us for what we should be but He loves us just the way we are. So come just the way you are with a mindset of, "If I never change, God loves me." Come and find rest. He says, "I will give you rest. Come unto Me that labor and are heavy laden. Labor and heavy laden means to be overburdened with practicalities of religion. If you are overburdened with all the rules and regulations, come to Jesus and He will give you rest.

Then it says, **Take my yoke** (My doctrine) **upon you, and learn from me** (In other words you can learn about who the Father is by looking at Jesus. **for I am meek and lowly in heart: and you shall find rest for your souls.** What He is saying here is we want our life to rest in the salvation plan of God. Maybe in the spirit of your mind, you don't have rest. You are just always active with difficult things. He says, "Come to Me, just the way you are and as you learn from Me you will not just have rest in your mind but your soul, the very depths of your being, the whole of you, will find rest. Isn't that beautiful!

When we look at the body and the blood of Jesus Christ, the body of Jesus which was broken for us, can never spell accusation. It always spells forgiveness and rest. Glory to God! The blood of Jesus always spells forgiveness. It always spells deliverance and it will always spell the end of the old life where you have been burdened with death and struggles.

God loves you! Let us use the Communion together.

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Today we are going to talk about the loving kindness of the Father that sustained Jesus while He was hanging upon the cross and how Jesus called upon the loving kindness of the Father and how it preserved His life. We are going to look at that and have that applied to our own lives.

God is a God of kindness. He is a God of goodness that would be the friendliest person you would ever meet. If you speak to Him He would absolutely feel with you. His kindness would be towards you. He would not be in a hurry when He wants to talk to you. He will absolutely meet you in the midst of who you are and where you are and inside of the personality that you are.

You know, we find different personalities on this earth. We find personalities that are task orientated. Then we have other people who are more value orientated, quality time, and all those kind of things. As these people mix together and talk to one another inside Christianity, one can think that God is exactly like one of those people. But, I want to tell you that God is a being and He is a loving Father who will meet you exactly where you are. When you say, "God, this is beautiful," He will say, "Yes, it's beautiful!" He will say it from 100 percent mutual feeling where it is also absolutely beautiful to Him. He's not two faced. He's not a hypocrite. The way He deals with you is from truth, in other words, He's trustworthy and He's genuine. He doesn't have to put up a face to make you feel good for awhile. He's truly interested in your life! He is a kind God.

What has sustained me in ministry, what has sustained me just in everything that I've gone through in ministry, be it criticism, be it praise, be it difficult times, whatever, was the thought and the belief in my heart that God is for me! That God is with me. He is with me in that very difficult situation.

I'm thinking of a time when my car broke down in Zimbabwe when I was doing missionary work in Zambia. I drove to Zambia and when I got there the car's engine started to back up.

I went and got spare parts, took the engine out, put new rings and bearings into the car. I overhauled the car right there in a small holding space in Lusaka. I worked right through the night and got in the car the next morning to drive on. Just because I was just so tired I didn't tighten the sump plug properly. I drove and about twenty or thirty kilometers outside of Lusaka the sump plug fell out. People who know cars will know what that means. While I was driving all the oil ran out of the car and ceased next to the road. When I heard something was wrong, I immediately turned it off. The engine cooled and I hitchhiked and went into the city and got another set of rings and bearings and whatever was needed just to get it to start again and drive it back to town. I took the engine out again and drove it back and I spent all my money on repairing the vehicle. I got on a bus and went back to South Africa.

When I got to the border post between Zambia and Zimbabwe you have to take all your luggage out and then you go through customs and immigration. Then the bus drives through and they inspect the bus and then you board the bus again and go. We were waiting and waiting and waiting and the bus didn't come in. It was such a nice, brand new, luxurious bus. As we were waiting, the bus driver came and said that there was something wrong with the bus' engine and the bus could not go. They pushed the bus through the border so we could fix it if we could.

The bus driver had no mechanical knowledge of buses so I said to him, "Where are the diesel filters? Maybe they were blocked. So I changed the diesel filter but we couldn't find pressure on the engine even on the other side of the diesel pump. Obviously there was a problem that we couldn't fix right there. It boiled down to the fact that the guy actually over revved the bus and the safety mechanism kicked in and it was expensive to repair it and we didn't have the tools to do it. So they brought another bus, got us on that bus and we went back. Half way home we got a call that said that bus that we had been in burned out.

All these negative things happened to me and I was feeling like Jonah. I was feeling, "Listen, guys, just throw me overboard and everything will be well with you." I got home, saved up money, got some donations, bought another engine, drove up to Zambia and put the new engine in and we drove down again. As I came back home with the vehicle, I was doing about 120 kilometers of power and the front wheel bearing ceased up. I almost had a massive accident. I stopped the vehicle there and took the wheel off and I saw the bearing falling to pieces in a country where they don't have spare parts. I sat there. I had tears in my eyes. I was upset. I just felt that things are getting too much for me. I started to shout. Then the guy who was with me came to me and said, "Listen man, Christians don't do it like that!" I felt that I could beat him up. I told him that he just needed to get away or he was just going to get beaten up! So he stood away. He got out of my space and we waited there. Thank God we had the other car. We went and ordered a part that had to get from South Africa and I had all these bad things happening to me. When the part came from South Africa, it was the wrong part. I was right there next to the road and then the police came to us. He knocked on the door of the caravan and said we needed to be careful because we were right next to a jail that is about 500 meters out in the bush... and people escaped out of jail. We were in that caravan next to the road. When you're in that place where things just seem to be way too much for you, you cannot handle everything. You're sitting next to the road and you have no money. You can't phone. It is just such a hectic situation. You are fearing for your life.

I sat there and the thing that sustained me was that I've got a God that is kind and in the midst of losing my temper, in the midst of shouting at the only guy who even understands my language and almost getting in a fight with him, in the midst of not having money, in the midst of not understanding anything, what sustained me was knowing that my God is kind. That is something that God has put in my heart over time and in that place I knew that my heart would run to God.

Sometimes you would think you are in such a state that even if you open the Bible and want to look for a scripture, you can't even see one because you are in great stress, you are in a very difficult situation and the loving kindness of God was what sustained me in that time.

We are going to go to **Jeremiah 9:24** and look at the kindness of God. We are also going to look at the tender mercies of God and what that is.

24 But let him that glory glory in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, says the Lord.

I want to read it again. ***But let him that glory glory in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, says the Lord.***

What we see here is that God is exercising loving kindness in the earth. That word, exercise, there means to make known in the wildest and broadest manner.

So He makes His loving kindness known in the wildest and broadest manner. What is beautiful to me here is He says that He makes it known in the earth. It's just not a heavenly thing. It is something we can experience here and now and it is something that is in God that only God can do. And you will see that God will continually remind you of His loving kindness. We will still talk about that. But what He is saying is He exercises loving kindness. Then He says, "***for in these things I delight, says the Lord.***" So, God delights in being kind to you! It's not a schlep for Him. It's not difficult for Him. It's not a burden to Him. He delights in being kind to you. He delights in coming and saying, "It's okay!"

When we go through the greatest humiliation, when we go through the most difficult times, our God will be kind to us. When you watch news and you look at interviews and debates and those kind of things, you will find that many times the person who has the interview, like Fox News or CNN, and he gets a liberal on there, he is not going to be kind. In South Africa we get the very same thing. If you have a person who has a certain mindset and ego and all those kind of things, plays a role, he's not going to be kind and he's not going to try and hear what you say. He's going to try to push down his view and opinion and he's going to try to push down who he is in spite of who you are. God is not like that! God is kind. It says that He delights in being kind. That means it comes from the depth of His heart. He's not kind to you because He must be kind. He's not kind to you because He is forced to be kind because He is God and since He is love He must be kind.

Many teach love as a decision of the will. God is not making a decision of the will to be kind to you! I heard someone preach. He said, "God, I don't like that guy!" Then God said to him, "But I love him!" Then the guy said, "Yes, I also love him but I don't like him." Then he said that God told him that He also doesn't like that person. He said that God said, "I, also, don't like him. I love him but I don't like him." I want to say to you that God loves you and He likes you! He loves all people and He likes all people! You might say, "God cannot like all people. How could God like somebody who is against me?" Simply because God sees the truth about that person and simply because God knows what he is going through. He knows what his upbringing was. He knows what his belief is and He sees that person for who he truly is.

So, God loves and likes! Even when He would speak to even your foe, your enemy, He would speak to that person with kindness. And you might be somebody else's enemy and that is why He will also speak to you with kindness. I believe He will always speak with a kind voice, with a kind character. When you think of Jesus, when He walked the earth, do you see somebody who goes around with a lot of anger inside Him? Like I said last Sunday, when we talk about the third and fourth generation, when we say that God will visit the sins until the third and fourth generation of those who hate Him, do we see Jesus visiting the sins of the third and fourth generation in the way that we understood it in the Old Covenant? Did Jesus go around, calling kids around Him and just, randomly, just start to dish out the third and fourth generation slap because these kids' great grandfather messed up? Jesus never did that!

When Jesus was on the earth, I can tell you that I have been at Gospel outreaches in Africa and I know what it's like to have thirty kids running around you, making noise all the time. When you sit down and want to pray a bit or just relax, you've got thirty kids staring at you all day! Now have that for two weeks, every day, day and night. Then some of them start to take chances and some of them become naughty and whatever and you get so irritated. But here Jesus comes and when He sees the children, and the disciples were already irritated, and He says, "Bring them to Me." Do you see the kind person that has a heart that is so big that He can only be kind and be kind forever more!

Let's say that if you become 100 years old, you've done very good. Man's life span is like the grass. Today it is there and tomorrow it is gone. It's like the flowers of the field, beautiful for a moment and then it's gone. But the loving kindness of God is from everlasting to ever lasting and His mercy is from everlasting to everlasting and He delights in being merciful!

Let's look at the word, kindness. The word kindness means the following: It's a primitive root; properly perhaps to bow the neck in courtesy to an equal, to be kind; It also compares it to the Hebrew word, barak, show self merciful, put to shame

I would like to explain, "put to shame" and show "self merciful." What he says here is that this kindness of God is where God comes and in courtesy, or in love, towards another, He would bow down. Strong's says that you can compare it to the word, barak where the Bible says that God blessed mankind and He served mankind by speaking well of man.

The Bible also says that God blessed the animals. He baraked the animals. He baraked man. That means that God even serves nature with His life. If I look at myself, we planted a passion fruit a few weeks ago. I make sure that it has everything it needs. I "bow to it." I "bow down" and I serve it with my life. The Almighty God, so much more, serves even nature. He loves animals, the beasts of the field. The Bible says that He blesses them. He baraks them. He speaks well of them. In the very same way He came and He spoke well of man. He baraks man. He speaks well of man. He comes in absolute courtesy, in absolute love for mankind and for an equal, He bows Himself down and He is kind.

It also says here, to put to shame or to show self mercy. Now let me explain to you what that "put to shame" means. The way I see that putting to shame, if you study further in the Hebrew into other words that is referred to this word, it means to be at a place where somebody has harmed you. Then he expects you to be bad to him and then you're not. Then he stands ashamed because he expected you to ill treat him and you didn't because you are seeing that person's value and you see that person for who he truly is and you are not going to deal with that person based on history but based on the value of that person. You don't lose vision of who the person is but you continue to show love in the midst of this person ill treating you. That is what it means to put to shame, the way I believe that God has put mankind to shame. God has put the Pharisees to shame. The way that God put the Pharisees to shame was they came and they said to Him, "Throw stones at this woman!" He said, "No, no. I don't condemn her. You that are without sin throw the first stone." And then He did not condemn them. I don't think Jesus put them to shame by saying, "You are also sinners! What had put them to shame was how He loved the woman who by the law deserved to die but He showed kindness.

I remember in my life where I was put to shame by people by their goodness and not by them willfully trying to put me to shame. I remember one guy came to a church where I preached in a church in Douglas. He's a singer and when they stopped at the cafe there came a beggar. The musician said to the beggar, "No, go away. Don't bother us now!" The guy who came to sing said, "Give him twenty rand." He took twenty rand and gave it to him. He said, "What is twenty rand. Let us just bless the guy. He's suffering, man!" When you see that you kind of feel ashamed because this man is so generous and you just looked at this person's sin. You look at he is going to drink with the money, he's going to buy glue to inhale its fumes, and drugs, whatever. You feel ashamed and that is the context what this kindness means. He is so kind that those who are law minded feel ashamed because they come to the realization that there is something greater than just being right. And God says that He exercises this in the earth with great delight. That is what He does!

Kindness, according to Webster's, means the following: 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 and lifting their distresses, benignity of nature. Kindness ever accompanies love. So what it says is delighting in contributing to the happiness of others.

So when God comes and He speaks to us, He says, "Let him that glory, glory in this: that he knows and understands that I am a God who exercises with great delight. I have great delight in contributing to the happiness of others." So we have a God whose eyes and whose Spirit go to and fro in this earth to see how He can contribute to the happiness of others. Glory to God!

Then it says there, "This is exercised, cheerfully, in gratifying their wishes." What is the greatest wish of man? The greatest wish of man is acceptance, love and eternal life. So what God does is, in His loving kindness, He will speak His kindness to you. He will have His kindness come towards you where He will gratify your greatest wish which is that of acceptance. There's no greater need than the need of acceptance. We want to be accepted and God will come and meet that need in His loving kindness towards us.

It's says, "Supplying our wants and lifting our distresses." Webster says that love is always accompanied by kindness. Kindness and love go hand in hand. Since God is love, you will find that His kindness, where He will lift your distresses, where He lifts your burden, where He comes and says, "It's okay. I'm with you! I got you! This is not the last and final word about your life." He has a beautiful future for you with Him being with you and strengthening you by His Spirit and not the works of the law.

Psalm 36:7 How excellent is Your lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings.

Psalm 119:88 Quicken me after Your lovingkindness; so shall I keep the testimony of Your mouth.

Isn't that absolutely beautiful! What he said in Psalm 3:7 is the lovingkindness is what causes people to trust in the Lord. It says, "O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings." Why? It is because how excellent the lovingkindness of God is! Because of how excellent God is where He always honors us as an equal, where He bows down, where He serves us. I want to tell you that only in the remembrance of how God serves you and in the remembrance of how God is for you and in the revelation of how God is not sin conscious but how He wants to preserve your life only in that and in the vivid display of this kindness will the children of man trust in God.

I look at the movie, ***The Shack***, which has just been released. If you want to look at ***The Shack*** from a doctrinal perspective and you want to make it a theological movie, I would agree with a lot of it but there may be one or two things that I disagree with if we just look at the book or some of the reviews of the writers, but that is not the issue. The thing with the movie is this: That movie talks about the goodness of God, the kindness of God and it's going to reach so many people. I want to tell you that as we look at any message, where God is portrayed as good and caring and understanding and powerful to bring forth a new life by HIS doing, you'll find that men will start to trust God. You will find mankind come to a place where they will trust as it says in Psalm 36 ***"... therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings."***

It makes me think of when the Bible talks about Lucifer before his fall. It says that he was a great tree and under his branches or under his wings, there were green pastures and you find that the cattle had their young there... where they felt safe. That was before his fall.

And I see the same with God. I see that God comes and in His loving kindness stretches so far that it provides a shade and a comfort for man. As we see the excellence and the greatness of His loving kindness, we will find that we can trust God. You cannot trust in a god who is nitpicking, fault finding, who has his own agenda, who is only merciful to himself and doesn't come as a servant. It would be very difficult to trust. We even see that with political leaders. If a political leader steals money, lies and doesn't do what he's supposed to do and he's in the thing for himself, people will not trust him. But if you can see that that guy is working hard and he is serving the nation, you'll find that people will trust him. They will believe in him. They'll start to advocate him. they'll start to preach him. How much more God?

When we look at leaders of countries, we don't want dictators. We want servants, because when you are in the presence of a dictator, you are in trouble. Everything is just about him and nothing is about you and he's not there serving you and bringing life to you and duplicating his life in you, then you will not feel safe. You'll want to vote for someone else. You'll try to establish your own little kingdom because you cannot trust him because whatever he says, the money is going to go to his pocket. It's about him. If you cannot trust a leader who has his own agenda which is not there to serve the people, how will you trust a god that is portrayed as this god who is just in it for himself? It's impossible. You will not be able to trust him.

He's a God of loving kindness. What's beautiful here is it says you will have faith in God because of the loving kindness and then ***Psalm 119:88 Quicken me after Your loving kindness; so shall I keep the testimony of Your mouth.***

How will we keep the testimony of His mouth? How will we continue in the testimony of His mouth and what God says about us? When He brings life to us through His loving kindness. That is what it says here. It says, ***Quicken me*** (make me alive) ***according to Your loving kindness.*** What He says is, "I don't want a life born from the law. God, the only life that I want is the one that comes from how kind you are."

If I only preach on the love of God and just talk about how He feels about man, every day, there is not enough time to tell mankind how kind God is. The kindness of God can only be experienced into eternity. That is why God has come and given us eternal life so that we can live forever to forever experience the kindness of our God.

Psalm 119:88 Quicken me after Your loving kindness; so shall I keep the testimony of Your mouth. In those times, the testimony of the mouth was seen as the law. It actually talks about the life that God wants people to live. The Psalm writer says, "If You can make me alive according to your loving kindness, then I will have the life that you desire for me." Isn't that beautiful! The only life that God desires for you is the life that is born from a revelation of His loving kindness of where He comes and sits with you, smiles with you, loves you and where that kindness is powerful enough to lift you up into a brand new life. Isn't that awesome!

The wonderful thing about what I felt when I was sitting next to the road there where the wheel broke.... that is not even the end of the story. I should actually tell you the end of the story. Where that wheel broke, you sit there, you wait days and days next to the road for a part and then it is the wrong part! Then God gives you a plan and an idea and you fix it and start to drive. What happened when I pulled away, I asked my friend who was there to please fill the tank with gasoline because we had gasoline tanks in the back and also water tanks because we go deep into the bush. They don't have clean drinking water or gasoline out there. What he did was he filled it up with water! I started it and couldn't even get it across the road. We had to push the thing across the road. Then I had to tow that car, which had a caravan and a trailer with a sedan, to the closest station and I left it there. I went back to South Africa again because I was running out of money. I waited another month or two. I don't remember how long I waited and then I went to get that car. When we drove it back, the guy who drove it, overheated the engine again. It was a redone brand new engine we put in and he overheated it again and blew the head gasket again. You cannot believe how many bad things can happen in one trip.

In the midst of all those things what gave me life was the loving kindness of God and do you know what was the blessed thing for me? In the midst of all of that I knew that the loving kindness of God is greater than that situation and that it can change. I don't know when we last had a car that broke down. It is the loving kindness of God. If you have a temper problem, an alcohol problem, a drug problem, bitterness problem, sexual immorality, whatever you want to call it, whatever problem you have, fear, anxiety, depression, the loving kindness of God will meet you right there where you are and according to the Psalm writer, it says, ***“Quicken me after Your loving kindness...”*** What he was saying is, Give me light according to your cheerful delight where You contribute to my happiness where you gratify my wish and supply my want where You lift my distress. What he was saying here is, “The loving kindness of God possess the power to actually lift you out of your distress. The only thing you need to do is to hear that continually.

We are now going to look at Jesus and what He said about the loving kindness of the Father when He was hanging upon the cross.

Psalm 40:10 I have not hid your righteousness within my heart; I have declared your faithfulness and your salvation: I have not concealed your lovingkindness and your truth from the great congregation. What he was saying is, “I preached about Your goodness, Father.

11 Withhold not thou your tender mercies from me, (remind me) O Lord: let your lovingkindness and your truth continually preserve me.

12 For innumerable evils have compassed me about: my iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of my head: therefore my heart fails me.

This is Jesus hanging upon the cross praying this to the Father. What He was saying, was, “Father,, I'm not even at a point where I can look up. I cannot even look up to You anymore. I don't have any “strength” to serve You.” That is what He was saying. He was saying, “Father, I preached Your loving kindness. I had Your word of loving kindness in my mouth and I preached Your loving kindness to the great congregation.” Why? Because they were distressed and what they needed to hear was the loving kindness of God, the acceptance of God, the kindness of God how God doesn't see their sin. How God is not looking at their disqualifications and how God promised to give them eternal life free from their works. Now Jesus was at a place where He said ***“Withhold not thou your tender mercies from me*** (I will explain that now) ***O Lord: let your lovingkindness and your truth continually preserve me.***

He said, "God, that which I preach to people, I am now at the place where I cannot look up. My heart has failed Me." This is what Jesus said. He said, "***For innumerable evils have compassed me about: my iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of my head: therefore my heart fails me.***" Jesus' heart failed Him in the midst of all of His iniquities, because He became the sin of man. When His heart failed Him, what did He say/ "If My heart fails Me, if My belief fails Me, if I think everything I need to think fails Me, God, I only rely upon Your loving kindness towards Me."

It says, "***Withhold not your tender mercies..***" The word, withhold, there, means to restrict, by act (hold back or in) or word (prohibit)" finish, forbid, keep(back) . I like the part where it says to restrict, by act or hold back in word.

The word for, tender mercies, means compassion, by extension the womb (as cherishing the fetus.)

What He is saying here is, "God, don't restrict the word of Your lovingkindness towards Me because My heart has failed me." I believe what He was saying to the Father is, "Please don't stop telling Me how much You love Me. Don't stop telling Me that You will raise Me from the dead." That's what He was saying. He said, "Continually preserve Me in Your loving kindness and don't withhold Your tender mercies." Tender mercies there means to show respect or to show love as to the fetus. It means, "by extension to the womb as cherishing the fetus. Webster says, "To treat with tenderness; to caress as a nurse fondles a child." So He says there, "I'm hanging on this cross. What I need now is for You to continue to fondle Me as a nurse, nursing for the child, as a mother who has great compassion and love and expectation for the fetus that is inside her." He was saying, "God, in this multitude of difficulties, what I need right now, I am Your Son and what I need to hear right now, what I continually need to hear now, in the midst of all these iniquities, is that I need to hear how You say, 'You are My Son in whom I am well pleased,'" I need to continue to hear. Don't stop to tell Me on how I am that fetus that You have preserved from the beginning, of how You dreamt Me, of how You want to bring forth life for humanity, on how You will preserve My life."

Psalm 40:11 Withhold not your tender mercies from me, O Lord (Remind me, oh Lord) : let Your lovingkindness and Your truth continually preserve me. Hallelujah!

Jesus had a problem. He was losing His life. He laid down His life and when He laid it down, it was now running out and He knew that He was going to die. What happened to Him on the cross was He knew when He was going to die, His soul what was going to enter Hades, the place of the dead. His soul was going to die. His Spirit, the force that gave Him life, which was not Him, was going to go to the Father. That is His Spirit. His Spirit is something that belongs to Him. The life force that God has given Him, that gave Him life... I don't want to be very technical in the end of this message, but what He was doing is: God, You have given Me life. You've given Your life force, the plug, You've plugged Me in, You plugged life into dust in Mary's womb and I came forth. Now, this life that keeps Me alive, I'm giving it over to You and I am going to die. But Your loving kindness will preserve My life. I will die but I will be raised up! I will die but My body will not see corruption. I shall be taken from the grave and My soul shall be released from hell, according to Acts 2, and I shall live forever more with You in eternal life for You will lift the distress because I will continually want to hear how You will lift My distress." The distress Jesus was in was the distress of death, that He will die but that He will be raised again. That was the distress but the kindness of God would be the words of the resurrection, of the faithfulness of God towards people in deepest distress. Glory to God!

I want to thank you that you have allowed me to serve you with this message of the kindness of God, the loving kindness of God. You might be in a situation right now where you are going through a difficult time where you don't know how to handle certain things, where you are in a difficult situation.. I want to tell you, "Be where the Psalm writer was. Be where Jesus was, where you just say, "Maybe my belief has failed me. I don't know what to do further." But where you say to God, "God, don't stop talking to me about Your tender mercies, Your embrace of the fetus, how You embrace my life," for in Your loving kindness my life shall be preserved."

You might be in a place where you feel life is being drained from you. You might be a preacher who is in a place where you feel, "My church is not working. The leadership is not working. I don't have money. I've tried to plant churches many times in my life and nothing is working. I am not a success. I don't know what to do." I want to tell you that the only thing you need is to continually hear and say to God, "God, I know You are speaking to me. Thank You that You will never stop speaking to me of how You cuddle me, how You embrace me, You embrace the fetus. (We embrace a fetus because we love life! We embrace that fetus because we love life! We want it to life. Glory to God!) How You embrace my life. I am at a place where, like a fetus, unless the mom provides life for you, you are not going to live. Where I continually draw life from Your words of affirmation and confirmation. Where Your loving kindness will preserve my life and where I will not lose my life.

I want to say to you that the foundation of a breakthrough, if you want to call it a breakthrough, the foundation of peace in the midst of darkness is a revelation of the loving kindness of God. The worst thing you could ever do when you are going through difficult times is to say, 'I'm not going to hear the words of tender mercies or the words of the embrace of the fetus anymore. I'm not going to look at the loving kindness of how God, cheerfully, with great delight, wants to contribute to my happiness by granting my wishes, supplying my wants, and lifting my distresses.' Jesus had the greatest distress. The greatest distress of Jesus wasn't the cross. It was what happened after the cross. It was when He died. He was distressed with death, death in Hades, the place where you cannot think, where you cannot reason, where you are dead..He was oppressed with that and the Father comforted Him to the point that He could go into that and take our death. Then the truthfulness of the Father was showed in the resurrection. Glory to God!

PRAYER Father, I thank You that I can pray for people who are watching this that are going through a difficult time. I thank You, Lord, that they can be encouraged right now by Your goodness, Your love and Your kindness in this message. I also want to thank You, Lord, that people who are experiencing this would just to be encouraged again in the message of Your loving kindness and Your goodness and Your mercy.

I thank You, Father, that I can stretch forth my hand to people who are going through a hard time and need prayer. I thank You, Lord, that You will not withhold Your continual speaking. We can come to a place where we can feel, "Oh, God, please don't stop to speak to me, now." You will never stop but that can be what we feel. We can feel that's the only lifeline I have. If that is the only lifeline you had, Jesus, then it is ours as well. If the message where You are not withholding Your tender mercies on how You embrace that fetus, You embrace our life and how You come to lift the distress of death and You do that cheerfully.

I thank You that this message is communicated to peoples' hearts right now, in Jesus' mighty name. Amen

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I would like to thank you that you watched this and I am looking forward to our Service next Sunday where we will just come together again and minister the Gospel of Grace. I want you to know that we will never minister anything but this message in this church. I've preached this message for many and by the grace of God I will continue to preach it until the Lord Jesus returns. Glory to God! Thank God

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