His Kindness – Sermon Transcript 10/11/2026

Let's begin today in Exodus 34 here. I'm in the New King James Version. We're in Exodus 34:5. Yes? Exodus 34:5 says this, now the Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there and proclaimed the name of the Lord. The hymn in this verse is speaking of Moses.

So now the Lord descended in the cloud and stood with Moses there and proclaimed the name of the Lord. God is coming before Moses. Moses has asked God to see His glory, to know Him as never before. And God has met him in this place. And now He's going to introduce Himself. He's going to introduce who He is.

He's introducing His name, if you would. He is shaking Moses' hand and saying, this is who I am in our common language. How do you think God introduces Himself? This is how He does it. I'm excited, are you? Exodus 34:6, and the Lord passed before him and proclaimed, the Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering and abounding in goodness and truth.

Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity, and transgression and sin. By no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and fourth generation. Exodus 34:8. So Moses made haste and bowed his head towards the earth and worshipped. You might have read this before. You might have seen this before.

But notice that three quarters of it is about how good He is. And yet the part you remember is the last quarter. Because the devil wants to convince us that God is not kind. The devil wants to make sure you think He's angry, that He's full of wrath, that He hates. But that's not how He introduced Himself. He introduced Himself as the Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, patient and abounding in goodness and abounding in the truth, keeping mercy for thousands.

Some translations say to the thousandth generation. Has there been 1000 generations on the earth? You hear it. Keeping mercy to the thousandth. But yet He is not unjust. He does see wickedness.

Yes, He does see sin. And He knows that He must judge it. Otherwise you would say He is an unjust God because what about what happened to me? What about what happened to me? What about what happened in my life? Did He not see?

And God says I did see. and I am just and I will judge and God is not mocked. But then the devil twists it and said that's all he does is judge, judge, judge, judge, judge. And he's done a good job of that. But the first thing that He says is I am the Lord, the only Lord, the only God. And the second thing He says is that I am abounding in goodness and mercy and truth.

Wow. His kindness His kindness exceeds, exceeds your wildest imagination. I really believe that when people met Jesus, even if they never followed Him, they would go, He is such a kind man. And Jesus said that I have come to reveal to you the Father. I have come to reveal to you this God, the one that met with Moses. I have come to reveal to you the Father who is in heaven.

And He is kind beyond comparison. His kindness, His kindness is what you have to know. If you fear God because of sin, if you fear God because of conviction, It is His kindness that leads you to repentance. It is His kindness that you won't judge me according to my sin. You will discipline me and you will rebuke me, but you won't treat me for what I'm due. You are merciful and you are gracious.

It's through the scriptures. Even when His children were disciplined, the Israelites said, You have not treated us according to our sins. You have been so kind. You have been so merciful. You have such compassion for us that we are the ones that have spit in Your face, that we are the ones that have struck You, that we are the ones that have blasphemed You. And you could be the same.

We have all been Judas. We have all been Peter. We have all betrayed the Lord. And yet He has not treated us according to our wickedness and our sin. He has been kind. His kindness exceeds your expectations.

His kindness is what leads us to change the way we think. His kindness leads us to repentance. Repentance is changing the way you think. And the first thing that must change is how you think about Him. The first thing that has to change is how you think about Him. There was a time when I was a little boy and I feared my father.

And then there was a time when I became a man and it changed the way I thought about my father. Because you feared the discipline as a child, as you should. But then when you grew up as a man, it says in 1 Corinthians that now you look back with respect upon your father who disciplined you. How much more so when your heavenly Father disciplines you, have such respect as you grow up in the house of God, of He is not against me. He is always for me. He will tell me the truth, but He is so kind to me.

And His kindness is what draws me in. If you feel distance from God, you do not know His kindness. If you feel far away from the Lord, it's because you haven't touched His kindness.

It far exceeds the kindness of a friend. It far exceeds the kindness of a father. It far exceeds the kindness of a mother or a grandmother.

His kindness exceeds what you expect. It's His kindness. Let's go to Nehemiah 9:17. This is Nehemiah talking about the history of his people, the Israelites. And I guess let's start in Nehemiah 9:15, okay?

Amen? No, we're gonna start in Nehemiah 9:13 because this is what we do. Say this is what we do. Nehemiah 9:13, the Bible is full. You came down also on Mount Sinai. This is God, Nehemiah saying, and spoke with them from heaven and gave them just ordinances and true laws, good statutes and commandments.

You made known to them Your holy Sabbath and commanded them precepts, statutes and laws by the hand of Moses Your servant. You gave them bread from heaven for their hunger and brought them water out of the rock for their thirst. and told them to go in to possess the land which You had sworn to give them. But they and our fathers acted proudly, hardened their necks, and did not heed Your commandments. They refused to obey, and they were not mindful of Your wonders that You did among them, but they hardened their necks, and in their rebellion they appointed a leader to return to their bondage.

But You are God, ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abundant in kindness. and did not forsake them. Wow. His kindness exceeds your expectations. They were walking through miracles. The same people that walked on dry ground through the Red Sea in two months wanted to turn back and go past through the Red Sea.

It makes no sense in our mind, but yet if you really check your own heart and we really check our own journey, we could say the same thing You had set me free from something God and within so much amount of time I wanted to go back as a dog to the vomit but You are God and You're not wrathful and You're not here to punish me and You're not here to condemn me and You're not here to whip me but You are God ready to pardon Gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abundant, abundant, abundant in kindness. Wow. Abundant in kindness and did not forsake them. The reason why the gospel seems so foolish when we aren't saved is that we have no recognition that we need God. There is no need for a savior if you think that you're all right. You don't need to be saved, right?

When that question is like, are you saved? Saved from what? You have no understanding. But then when you see how good God is, you realize you are not anywhere close to His goodness. The real conviction that comes upon a Christian is not how bad they are, it's how much their goodness doesn't measure up to His. When you realize that you can be good your whole life and then you stand before Jesus and you realize He far exceeds my white clean robe.

And if I had done all that I could to be this way, and I can't get there, then I have a need for a Savior to make these, what I thought were clean rags, pure. Your conviction comes when you see the Lord. That is why we are not saved by our own recognition, but by our recognition of Christ. It always comes to Him. He is in all and above all and through all and with all who have called upon His name.

In Isaiah, it says, You have stacked up Your righteous acts before Me, but they are like filthy rags. Some versions really expound upon that saying they're like menstrual rags before God. What? Your purity is like that before the King of kings and the Lord of lords? Your best looks like that because He far exceeds He far exceeds. And you go, why would a God then want me that close to Him if that's how I feel in His sight?

And He's like, because you were born to be My family. And the first thing you must know is that He is a father. That's why He is ready to pardon. Just like when you're in the jail cell and you call your dad. Because He is ready to pardon. He is ready to pardon.

You call the one who will pick up an answer. And He wants to be the one that you call. He is the one to call. He's the only one that's ready to do it and that quick to make it right. This is our need for salvation and it's His kindness which draws us in. It's His kindness which leads us to repentance. We're just going to boast on His kindness a little bit.

But this is the gospel that you need. This is the gospel that I need. This is the gospel that we have received. He is so kind. And because of His kindness, it's a fruit of the Spirit. It's a fruit of His Spirit that comes out of you.

But we first must recognize I have a need to know the kindness of the Father because I have sinned. And His kindness brings us to repentance. And that repentance leads us to the cross. And the cross is what the blood of Jesus does. It makes us white as snow. His red blood makes you white as snow.

Thank you, Jesus. He paid the price for our sin. Nothing can make you whole in your soul except the blood of Jesus. So we must receive His penalty on the cross for that. Let's go in the book of Psalms and talk about The kindness of our Lord, yes? Psalm 31:19.

We're going to read a couple scriptures here. Are you ready? Psalm 31:19–21. Oh, how great is Your goodness which You have laid up for those who fear You, which You have prepared for those who trust in You in the presence of the sons of men. You shall hide them in the secret place of Your presence. That's a good place.

From the plots of man. You shall keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues. Psalm 31:21. Blessed be the Lord, for He has shown me His marvelous kindness in a strong

city. Blessed be the Lord, He has shown me His marvelous kindness in a strong city. Go to Psalm 117.

Yes, we're going to read the whole thing. You'll laugh when you get there. Psalm 117. Amen? Yes? Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles.

Laud Him, all you peoples, for His merciful kindness is great towards us. And the truth of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord. They thought that is worthy of its entire Psalm. Do you understand? That's how good it is.

That's it. Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles. Laud Him all your peoples. Why? am I doing this? Why are we exalting Him so highly?

What is this Psalm all about? For His merciful kindness is great towards us. You have to know His kindness far exceeds what you've ever known. And the truth of this, the truth of the Lord endures forever. It's who He is. It's who He is.

Praise the Lord. Yes, go to Psalm 119. We're only going to read one verse of this one. If you know, you know. Psalm 119:76. You ready?

Let, I pray, Your merciful kindness be for my comfort. according to Your word to Your servant. Let, I pray, Your merciful kindness be for my comfort according to Your word to Your servant. We are seeking comfort. As the world gets restless and more restless, in Peter it says that the world is being stored up for fire. Nothing wants to be burned by fire.

So if the world is getting stored up for fire and we're getting closer and closer to the day of fire, then the world is going to be more and more restless as if it's something coming to the flame. You will feel this pressure for comfort, pressure for satisfaction, pressure to be comforted. And this must be known. Your kindness gives me great comfort. Your kindness gives me great comfort. All who came to Him, whether they followed Him or not, experienced great comfort in His kindness.

Even the children, let the little children come to Me and they came to Him. Great comfort in His kindness. Do not rebuke them. Do not let them come away from Me. Let them come because He's kind. He's kind.

He's so kind. He's so kind. You see it. According to Your word, to Your servant. One more Psalm, Psalm 141:5. We talk about the father in 1 Corinthians as one who will not fail to discipline us.

That does not mean that He's full of wrath, but anger can happen for a moment and not sin. It says, Be angry, but do not sin. God exemplifies this, that He's angry at sin and He will

discipline us, but He does not pour His wrath on His children. Verse 5, let the righteous strike me. It shall be a kindness. And let Him rebuke me.

It shall be as excellent oil. Let my head not refuse it. What an interesting verse. It's an interesting verse. in that the righteous one is Christ Jesus Himself. We know that in Revelation.

It says, the faithful and righteous one. And it says in this, let the righteous one be the one to chasten me. Let the righteous one be the one to discipline me. Let the righteous one strike me, and it shall be a kindness. What an interesting phrase. We don't often think of it like that.

And let Him rebuke me. When the Lord rebukes us, it will be as an excellent oil and let my head not refuse it. This is a character verse, is it not? This is one that builds character in a Christian and that when I hear His voice today, I will not harden my heart. When I hear my Father's voice today, I will not close my ears. I will not be a child who shakes his head and says no.

But I shall mature. I shall be confident that His kindness is what I'm receiving, even in discipline. He is merciful and He is good, abounding in kindness, abundant in kindness, marvelous kindness to me. And it will be as oil on my head. It will be refreshing. It will empower me.

This is going to empower me for my future. What a difference in the way that we think, because His kindness leads us to repentance, which changes how we think, even about discipline. Wow. What a verse. Yes? Isaiah 54.

Isaiah 54:10. There's a lot of, Isaiah 54:10. You with me? For the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed, but My kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall My covenant of peace be removed, says the Lord who has mercy on you.

Wow. Even as the world is getting ready for fire and becomes restless, God promises, the mountains shall depart and the hills shall be removed, but My kindness, My kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall My covenant of peace be removed, says the Lord who has mercy on you. Let's read a story. Let's go to Jonah. We're not going to read the whole story of Jonah, but we're going to read the end of the story of Jonah. Jonah 4.

We'll start on the last verse. of three and read all the rest of Jonah 4. If I can find Jonah. So we're in Jonah 3:10. And in our boasting of God's kindness today, let's see how Jonah did. Why does nobody else laugh, Brandy?

They don't know Jonah. Jonah 3:10. Jonah has gone to Nineveh. Nineveh is the capital city of wickedness at this time. And he tells them to repent, change the way you think, turn away from your unrighteousness.

This is an amazing thing because he is a Jewish prophet that went to a Gentile city and was doing the light of the world that they were supposed to do. Like he went outside of his nation, outside of his people and spoke to a Gentile nation and they listened. This is awesome. This is like one of the first times we see that Isaiah would prophesy that the Gentiles would see a great light, but he didn't go out. He was in the court of Israel. This is big news.

I know you don't like, I don't know about this. is really big news. It really is. In the light of the scripture and the gospel and the whole book of the Bibles, this is big because then there was a prophet that came, I won't give you any sign but the sign of Jonah. And so then there was the man, Christ Jesus Himself, that says, I'm taking up the ministry of Jonah. I will give you the same sign that he gave you.

What was his sign? That he was three days dead and came alive. And I will be 3 days buried and come alive and be a light, not just to the Jews, but to the Gentiles. It's a huge thing. And so this wicked city of Nineveh, they repent. They receive God's kindness.

And this is at the end, okay? Jonah 3:10. Then God saw their works of the Assyrians, that they turned from their evil way. And God relented from the disaster that He said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it.

Remember Nehemiah, but God, You're ready to pardon. You are ready to save. You are abundant in kindness. And Jeremiah's like, praise God. I mean, not Jeremiah. Jonah's like, praise God, right?

This is awesome. They knew God. What does Jonah say? Jonah 4:1, but it displeased Jonah exceedingly. And he became angry.

So he prayed to the Lord and said, Lord, was not this what I said when I was still in my own country? Therefore I fled previously to Tarshish, which is a shipping town, for I know that You are gracious and merciful, God. slow to anger and abundant in loving kindness, one who relents from doing harm. Therefore now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live. What does the Lord say to him?

Then the Lord says to him, is it right for you to be angry? And yet we can do the same thing. It's like, God, I want vengeance. I want it my way. And God goes, is it right for you to be angry? I told you who I was.

When I introduce myself, when I come to you and I introduce myself to you as I did to Moses, it's the same. I am the Lord, the only Lord, the only Lord God, gracious and merciful. abounding in kindness to save you. Why would I not be the same to every person? And yet He will not clear the guilty, but vindicate and judge righteously to the second and third generation. He says it in Exodus 34, and you read it.

But He goes, Who are you? Who are you, Jonah? Have I not forgiven you? Did you not just get spit out from the fish? Is it really right for you to be angry? You have to know His kindness exceedingly well.

But we as Christians can get offended at His kindness. We can get offended at how His mercy goes to all and how His mercy triumphs over judgment. His mercy triumphs over judgment. What does God tell him? He doesn't just say it. God is so smart and so wise.

He wants to give Jonah an example. He just asks them the question, is it right for you to be angry, Jonah? And then they live on. They walk together. God doesn't abandon him. God doesn't forsake him.

Jonah doesn't abandon God and doesn't forsake Him. It's amazing. He doesn't quit on God and God doesn't quit on him. In Jonah 4:5, so Jonah went out of the city and sat on the east side of the city and there he made himself a shelter and sat under it in the shade. So he made a tent because he still was like, you know what, maybe God will still do Sodom and Gomorrah here because that will justify my ministry because I left my people. And I said, I'm going to go to Nineveh and warn them about God's wickedness.

The only precedent to this was Abraham, who did the same thing with Jesus. He interceded for Sodom and Gomorrah. And there was not found enough righteous for Sodom and Gomorrah, right? And so, okay, Sodom and Gomorrah. This is the precedent that Jonah has.

But now he's like, but God, You know, Even Abraham knew that You were gracious and merciful, that You wouldn't destroy Sodom and Gomorrah for 10, no, 5 righteous. Please don't do that for me in my ministry. This is all I have. This is my only book of the Bible. This is it, right? I'm going to warn Nineveh.

How are my people not going to laugh at me that I took this journey all the way to the wickedest city in the entire world And they're going to just follow You now? There's this in his heart. And we can do that too, of like, all of my life, I've been doing this for You, God. All of my life has been this. And because You're so merciful and good, what will I have to show for it? And God like, is it right for you to be angry?

Because is this about you? Or is it really about me and my kindness? And it will always be about Him and His kindness. The question is not, what do You want me to do, God? The

question is always, what do You want to do, God? The difference of those two sentences is that there's the absence of me.

What do You want me to do, God? Take out the me. What do You want to do, God? It will always be about that. And if you ever come into Christianity thinking it's about what God wants you to do, then you're just a little bit short. It's not about us.

You have to remove yourself from the equation. It's about His kindness that leads us to repentance. Yes? Jonah 4:6. And the Lord God, He's so kind. He's like, you know what?

That shelter ain't doing very good. Let me help you here, son. because I'm a good father. And the Lord God prepared a plant and made it come up over Jonah that it might be shade for his head to deliver him from his misery. He is so kind. You should look at this and think, wow, God is so kind.

So Jonah was very grateful for the plant. But as morning dawned the next day, God prepared a worm and so damaged the plant. that it withered and died. Jonah 4:8. And it happened when the sun arose that God prepared a vehement east wind. I say that wrong every time, I know.

And the sun beat on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. And then he wished death for himself and said, it is better for me to die than to live. Then God said to Jonah again, Is it right for you to be angry about the plant? And Jonah said, It is right for me to be angry, even to death. But the Lord said, You have had pity on the plant for which you have not labored, nor made it grow, which came up in a night and perished in a night. And should I not pity that great city Nineveh in which are more than 120,000 persons who cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand and much livestock.

I am so kind. You cared about this plant that was sprouted up in a night and is gone in a night. And isn't that exactly like the kingdoms of this world? Will they not sprout up and fall in My eyes like a plant? And should I not have pity on the people of Nineveh, as you had pity on a plant. And there's way more souls than the life of this plant.

I am so kind. His kindness exceeds our expectations. Amen. Let's go to Ephesians 2. Ephesians 2. We're going to start in Ephesians 2:4.

Amen? His kindness. But God who is rich, He's rich in mercy. Because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive. together with Christ, by grace you have been saved, and raised us up together and made us sit. He made you sit.

He made us. He made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness towards us in

Christ Jesus. Amen. Go to 1 Corinthians 13. This is this chapter about love. You might have heard it at a wedding this year.

1 Corinthians 13:4 here. We know that the fruit of the Spirit is what? Love, joy, peace, patience, what? Kindness. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Wherein the greatest gift, 1 Corinthians 13:4, love suffers long and is kind.

Love does not envy, love does not parade itself, it is not puffed up, does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil, does not rejoice in iniquity but rejoices in the truth, bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. We know in scripture that it says God is love. And so if we put God is love and we put wherever it says love, we say God, then this scripture says God suffers long and God is kind. God does not envy. God does not parade Himself.

God is not puffed up. God does not behave rudely. God does not seek His own. God is not provoked, and God thinks no evil. God does not rejoice in iniquity, but He rejoices in the truth. God bears all things.

God believes all things. God hopes all things. God endures all things, God never fails. Wow. God is kind. Yes, let's finish here in Titus 3.

Isn't that beautiful? You have to know His kindness. It is a great comfort. The greatest comfort that we will know in these times is His kindness. Yes, Titus 3:3. For we ourselves were once foolish, were once disobedient, were once deceived, were once serving various lusts and pleasures.

We were once living in malice and envy. We were hateful and hating one another. Titus 3:4, but when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, what? But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness, there's those rags, you cannot make yourself get His kindness. It has nothing to do with you. It has nothing to do with you.

It's His kindness towards you. Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy. He saved us through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit. You have to be made new. You have to be regenerated. You have to be washed by the blood of the Lamb.

Yes. Titus 3:6, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace, we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. This is a faithful saying And those things I want you to affirm constantly that

those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men. Amen?

But the fruit of the Spirit in you is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness. As He has been kind to you, can be kind to others. Christians should have high character and kindness. How do we show our kindness? Because we're helpful. Kind people help.

Unkind people don't help. That is the bottom line. Christians should be so helpful because we're so kind. How are we so kind? Because His kindness has exceeded my expectation and it's a fruit of the Spirit. Amen.

Let's stand. If you need to know the Lord Jesus as Lord, Then please come up and pray with us and let's give them our hearts, yes? If you need healing or you need prayer or comfort and mercy, we're here. And we will be up here and you can come up and receive prayer. Amen. Well Lord, we just thank You that You are so kind.

It is not about us, Lord. No work of righteousness can measure up to Your purity, Your holiness, Your love, Your patience, Your mercy. What grace is in Your hands? What kindness is in Your eyes? What kindness is in Your nature? What compassion?

What love? And I ask God for this revelation upon my house, that we would be a people who knows the kindness of the Lord, that we would extend that kindness to others to show You, to show them who You are. I thank You for this, Lord. I thank You for Your revelation. We're just bounding. We're just brimming with joy of Your kindness.

We receive it, Lord, in our hearts. That burn of wow, You are just wow. You are just wow. And we thank You for these things that are without words. Fill us up, God. We honor Your word.

We just thank You for how You call our children. You bring us home. You call us from a young age to follow the way of the Lord. And we bless Forrest in this journey, God. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen, hallelujah.