

The Kindness of God

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Kindness creates culture.

The values of any organization are only as effective as the people who embody them. This means we're wise to examine our own hearts before leading and influencing others.

How do you show kindness to yourself?

Was it difficult to answer that question? Maybe your mind immediately jumped to ways in which you're unkind to yourself. Take a moment to go there ...

How are you harsh or critical toward yourself?



True kindness is rooted in the kindness of God.

To the extent that we struggle to embrace God's kindness, we struggle to extend it to ourselves and others.

Listen to these words that reveal the heart of Jesus:

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light” (Matthew 11:28-30).

Read Romans 2:1-4.

Draw a straight line under phrases that push back on a control-based approach to Christianity and a wavy line under phrases that push back on a tolerance-based approach:

“You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things. Now we know that God’s judgment against those who do such things is based on truth. So when you, a mere human being, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God’s judgment? Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God’s kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?”

Where are you fighting for control instead of trusting the character of God – His kindness, forbearance, patience, and truthfulness?

Where are you tolerating personal sin instead of allowing the kindness of God to lead you to repentance?

Jesus’ heart toward you is gentle. He wants to give you rest, and in fact, He promises it on 3 conditions:

1. Come to ME
2. Take MY yoke upon you
3. Learn from ME

... and you will find rest.

Take a moment to come to Jesus.

Talk to Him about all those items on your list, the ones making you weary and burdened. Repent of your sin and lay down your sorrow in His presence. Invite Jesus to place His easy yoke upon you, and teach you what it means to follow Him.