



# HESED

## Mercy and Lovingkindness What Do You Want Me To Do For You? The Key To Receiving From God

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**Hesed:** Love, lovingkindness, unending love, loyalty, everlasting kindness, mercy, compassion, faithfulness, grace, extravagant generosity, glory, honor, favor, loyal friendship, goodness

**Exodus 34** <sup>5</sup> Then the LORD came down in a cloud and stood there with him; and **he called out his own name, Yahweh.** <sup>6</sup> The LORD passed in front of Moses, calling out, **“Yahweh! The LORD! The God of compassion and mercy! I am slow to anger and filled with unending love and faithfulness.** <sup>7</sup> **I lavish unending love to a thousand generations. I forgive iniquity, rebellion, and sin. But I do not excuse the guilty.** I lay the sins of the parents upon their children and grandchildren; the entire family is affected—even children in the third and fourth generations.” NLT

**Micah 7** <sup>18</sup> **Where is another God like you, who pardons the guilt of the remnant, overlooking the sins of his special people?** You will not stay angry with your people forever, **because you delight in showing unending love.** <sup>19</sup> Once again you will have compassion on us. **You will trample our sins under your feet and throw them into the depths of the ocean!** <sup>20</sup> You will show us **your faithfulness and unending love as you promised to our ancestors Abraham and Jacob long ago.** NLT

In Jesus of Nazareth, the embodiment of hesed, God was perfectly just and perfectly merciful. Through Jesus He fulfilled the promise to not leave the guilty unpunished by placing that punishment on Jesus in an act of pure and perfect hesed. Jesus did justice by loving hesed. He gave Himself so that we might be conquered by the kindness of God, a kindness that leads us to repentance, that draws us to the cross. That moment in time makes doubting the lovingkindness of God impossible. We must become *hasid*, **men and women who are completely dependent on the hesed of God,** conquered by His kindness, reborn to a life of unconditional love.

*Quotes from: “Inexpressible: Hesed and the Mystery of God’s Lovingkindness Hesed by Michael Card – Pgs 134 & 138*

**Mark 10** <sup>46</sup> Then they reached **Jericho**, and as Jesus and his disciples left town, a large crowd followed him. A blind beggar named Bartimaeus (son of Timaeus) was sitting beside the road. <sup>47</sup> When **Bartimaeus** heard that Jesus of Nazareth was nearby, he **began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”** <sup>48</sup> “Be quiet!” many of the people yelled at him. But he only shouted louder, **“Son of David, have mercy on me!”** <sup>49</sup> **When Jesus heard him, he stopped and said,** “Tell him to come here.” So they called the blind man. “Cheer up,” they said. “Come on, he’s calling you!” <sup>50</sup> Bartimaeus threw aside his coat, jumped up, and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup> **“What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked.** “My Rabbi,” the blind man said, **“I want to see!”** <sup>52</sup> **And Jesus said to him,** “Go, for your faith has healed you.” Instantly the man could see, and he followed Jesus down the road. NLT

**Luke 1** <sup>45</sup> **You are blessed because you believed that the Lord would do what he said.** NLT

**Luke 12** <sup>32</sup> “Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. NKJV - <sup>32</sup> “So don’t be afraid, little flock. For **it gives your Father great happiness to give you the Kingdom.** NLT

**Psalm 35** <sup>27b</sup> “The Lord is great, and he delights in the prosperity of his servant.” TPT

**Numbers 14** <sup>18</sup> “The Lord is slow to anger and filled with *unfailing love*, forgiving every kind of sin and rebellion. But he does not excuse the guilty. He lays the sins of the parents upon their children; the entire family is affected—even children in the third and fourth generations.’ <sup>19</sup> In keeping with your *magnificent, unfailing love*, please pardon the sins of this people, just as you have forgiven them ever since they left Egypt.” <sup>20</sup> Then the Lord said, “I will pardon them as you have requested.” NLT

**2 Chronicles 20** <sup>21b</sup> “Give thanks to the LORD; his faithful love endures forever!” NLT

**Daniel 9** <sup>18</sup> “O my God, lean down and listen to me. Open your eyes and see our despair. See how your city—the city that bears your name—lies in ruins. We make this plea, not because we deserve help, but because of your *mercy*.” NLT

### The Loving Father

**Luke 15** <sup>11</sup> Then Jesus said, “Once there was a father with two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger son came to his father and said, ‘Father, don’t you think it’s time to give me the share of your estate that belongs to me?’ So the father went ahead and distributed among the two sons their inheritance. <sup>13</sup> Shortly afterward, the younger son packed up all his belongings and traveled off to see the world. He journeyed to a far-off land where he soon wasted all he was given in a binge of extravagant and reckless living. <sup>14</sup> “With everything spent and nothing left, he grew hungry, for there was a severe famine in that land. <sup>15</sup> So he begged a farmer in that country to hire him. The farmer hired him and sent him out to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup> The son was so famished, he was willing to even eat the slop given to the pigs, because no one would feed him a thing. <sup>17</sup> “Humiliated, the son finally realized what he was doing and he thought, ‘There are many workers at my father’s house who have all the food they want with plenty to spare. They lack nothing. Why am I here dying of hunger, feeding these pigs and eating their slop?’ <sup>18</sup> I want to go back home to my father’s house, and I’ll say to him, ‘Father, I was wrong. I have sinned against you. <sup>19</sup> I’ll never be worthy to be called your son. Please, Father, just treat me like one of your employees.” <sup>20</sup> “So the young son set off for home. From a long distance away, his father saw him coming, dressed as a beggar, and great compassion swelled up in his heart for his son who was returning home. So the father raced out to meet him. He swept him up in his arms, hugged him dearly, and kissed him over and over with tender love. <sup>21</sup> “Then the son said, ‘Father, I was wrong. I have sinned against you. I could never deserve to be called your son. Just let me be—’ “The father interrupted and said, ‘Son, you’re home now!’ <sup>22</sup> “Turning to his servants, the father said, ‘Quick, bring me the best robe, my very own robe, and I will place it on his shoulders. Bring the ring, the seal of sonship, and I will put it on his finger. And bring out the best shoes you can find for my son. <sup>23</sup> Let’s prepare a great feast and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this beloved son of mine was once dead, but now he’s alive again. Once he was lost, but now he is found!’ And everyone celebrated with overflowing joy.” TPT

**Exodus 34** <sup>5</sup> Then the LORD descended in the cloud and stood there with Moses as he proclaimed the Name of the LORD. <sup>6</sup> 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 (faithfulness); AMP