



Love Is... | Week 2  
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**BIG IDEA | Kindness allows us to *STAND FIRM* in our faith while being *GENTLE* with people.**

**“The trouble with born-again Christians is that they are an even bigger pain the second time around.”**

**— Herb Caen, *SF Chronicle***

**“Why do born-again people so often make you wish they’d never been born the first time?”**

**— Katharine Whitehorn, British journalist**

### **1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NLT)**

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient and *kind*. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. <sup>6</sup> It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. <sup>7</sup> Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

### **2 Samuel 9:1 (NLT)**

<sup>1</sup> One day David asked, “Is anyone in Saul’s family still alive—anyone to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan’s sake?”

**KINDNESS: In Hebrew is HESED: Covenantal love of God**

**Kindness *UNDERSTANDS* the goal.**

**Romans 2:4 (NLT)**

<sup>4</sup> Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?

**2 Samuel 9:2-7 (NLT)**

<sup>2</sup> He summoned a man named Ziba, who had been one of Saul's servants. "Are you Ziba?" the king asked.

"Yes sir, I am," Ziba replied.

<sup>3</sup> The king then asked him, "Is anyone still alive from Saul's family? If so, I want to show God's kindness to them."

Ziba replied, "Yes, one of Jonathan's sons is still alive. He is crippled in both feet."

<sup>4</sup> "Where is he?" the king asked. "In Lo-debar," Ziba told him, "at the home of Makir son of Ammiel."

<sup>5</sup> So David sent for him and brought him from Makir's home. <sup>6</sup> His name was Mephibosheth; he was Jonathan's son and Saul's grandson. When he came to David, he bowed low to the ground in deep respect. David said, "Greetings, Mephibosheth."

Mephibosheth replied, "I am your servant."

<sup>7</sup> "Don't be afraid!" David said. "I intend to show kindness to you because of my promise to your father, Jonathan. I will give you all the property that once belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will eat here with me at the king's table!"

**Kindness *RESTORES* dignity.**

Kindness *CHANGES* people.