

“Nurturing Kind Marriages”
[II Chronicles 10](#); Various other scriptures
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Getting Started

1. Have you ever been the recipient of a random act of kindness? Have you ever done a random act of kindness? How did it make you feel?

2. Do you agree that kindness is one of the most under rated qualities to look for in a partner? Why or why not?

3. Growing up, who modeled kindness for you? How did they do it and what do you remember them for?
 - on the other hand, did you see examples of the kind of unkindness that King Rehoboth showed his new subjects (II Chron. 10). What impact did that have on you, your family, your friendships, and even your faith in God?

4. In Sunday’s message, four Bible passages helped us see what kindness looks like: forgiveness ([Psalm 86:5](#)), building up ([Jer. 31:3,4](#)), patience ([I Corinthians 13:4](#)), grace ([Luke 6:35](#)). Take the time to find and read each verse.
 - a. Which of the four comes most naturally to you? Why?

 - b. Which of the four is the hardest for you? Why?

Going Deeper

1. Give some everyday examples, big or small, of kind things that couples can do for each other.
 - a. What difference can these daily kindnesses make in a marriage?
 - b. How would your kids rate your marriage on the kindness scale? How does that make you feel?
2. In his marriage prep course, our pastor asks people to face each other, hold hands and make a vow of respect. What do you think of this idea?
3. On Sunday we heard three suggestions for nurturing kind marriages:
 - Choose to be kind (see [Ephesians 4:31,32](#))
 - Have a humble sense of self and a high view of your “better half” (see [Philippians 2:3](#))
 - Get close enough to Jesus for his kindness to rub off on you (see [Proverbs 22:23,24](#))
 - a. Which suggestion challenges you the most? Why?
 - b. Can a mean spirited marriage be transformed into a marriage characterized by kindness? What would it take?
 - c. Is there anything you need or want to do as a result of what you learned this week about nurturing kindness in you, in your marriage or in every other relationship that you are in?