

# Kindness At Marye's Heights!



Richard Kirkland, Confederate soldier.  
The Angel of Marye's Heights  
Near Fredricksburg, VA 12/13/1862.





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What would possess a person to disregard his own life to aid the enemy?

# Kindness Chesed

It's the very nature of God!

THE HEBREW WORD FOR  
TODAY IS:  
CHESD/KINDNESS

It's unconditional  
and sacrificial love.

Loving kindness  
Mercy

I will tell of the kindness of the Lord, the deeds for which he has to be praised,  
According to all the Lord has done for us. Isaiah 63:7.

When Paul wanted to tell the people in Lystra what the one true living God is like,  
he focused on God's kindness:

He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons;  
He provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy. Acts 14:17

# A Definition Of Kindness!



What is your definition?

**A Defintion: Kindness.**

**The Energy Of Going Out Of  
Your Way To Serve!**



**Making life more  
bearable for others...**

# Lee Leaving The McLean House At Appomattox!



As Lee stood on the steps he hits his fist into his palm three times.

What did he anticipate?

Grant had given a general order to his men. There would be not gloating and no jeering.

Records indicate the the Union soldiers saluted Lee as he left on Traveller.

Lee's army was starving and he asked for rations. Gen. Grant ordered food dispensed!

# Reconciliation Over Retribution.

## Grant's order after hearing of Lee's Surrender!

The Union Troops were participating in all kinds of celebrations.

Grant: "The War is over; the rebels are our countrymen again."

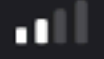

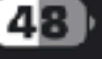
# What Is The Roll Of The News and Social Media In Making People Kind Or Unkind?



Why is **revenge** such a strong emotion?



# Road Rage Feb. 9, 2011 Sayles & S. 14th

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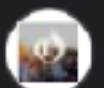
## North Found Guilty In Road Rage Murder Trial

Oct 25, 2011 — The incident that left 21-year-old David dead occurred about 2:45 p.m. on Sayles Boulevard, just north of South 14th...

<https://ktxs.com> > archive > road-ra...

## Road Rage Leads To Homicide On Busy Abilene Intersection

Feb 9, 2011 — Bryan Robeson is the manager of the shell station here on south 14th and...

 ACU Optimist  
<https://acuoptimist.com> > 2011/10

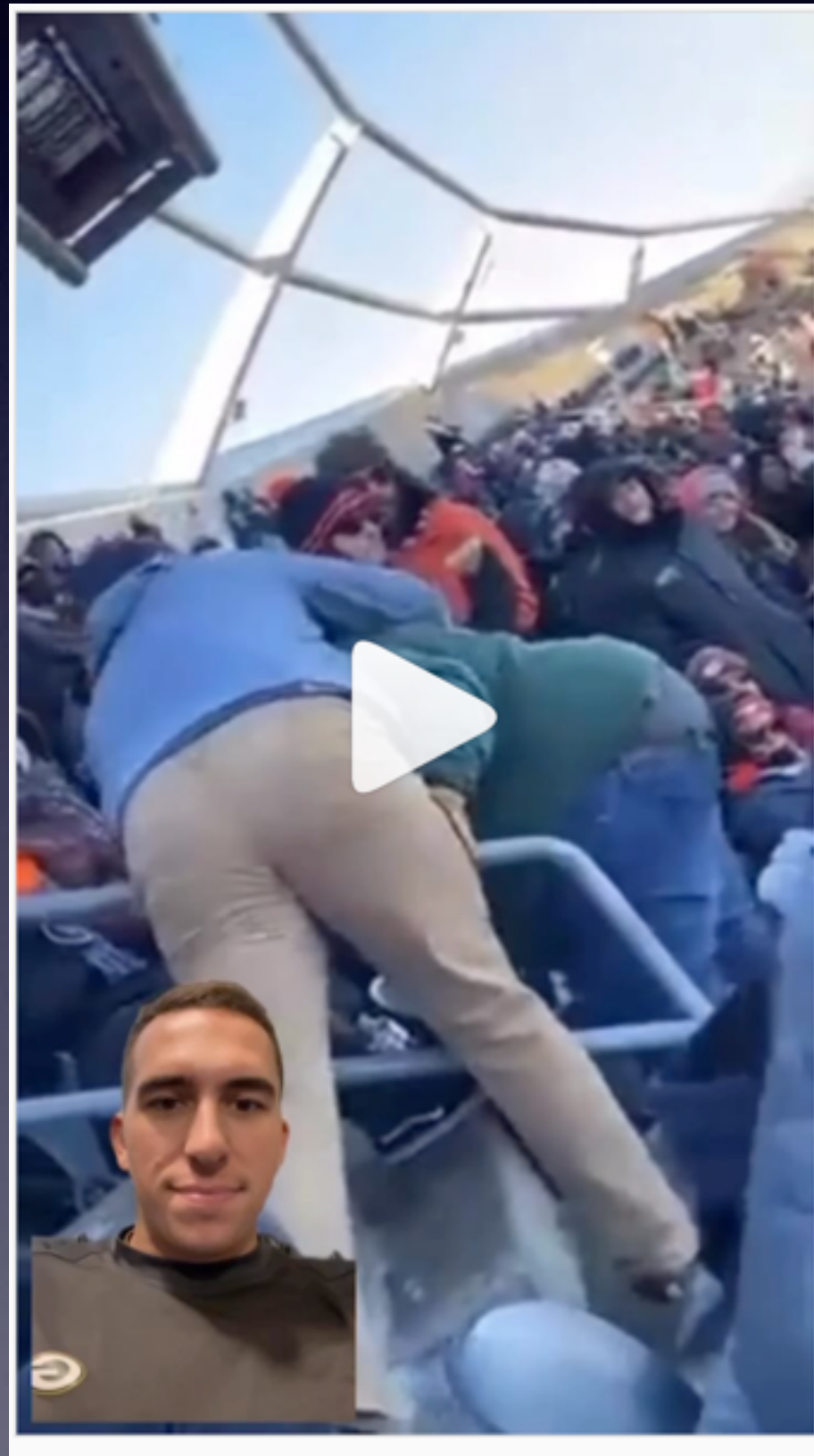
## North convicted of murder in road rage incident

North and David were traveling southbound on Sayles, and upon stopping at the traffic light, both men got out of their vehicles. WITNESSE...



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Has the Internet given us permission to be rude to one another?

## What Has Happened To The Golden Rule?

**Christianity:** In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets. (Jesus, Matthew 7:12)



**Is Kindness Selective?**

**Can You Be Kind To  
Some And Not To others?**

**Why are people kind to some and not others?**

## What About Being Kind To People Who Are Different Than We Are?



How difficult is it?

# Sir Nicholas Winton



669 children saved from [the Holocaust](#) through Winton's efforts!

## During the Nazi Occupation Jews Experienced The Kindness Of Righteous Gentiles.



Memorial tree in Jerusalem, Israel honoring Irena Sendler, a Polish Roman Catholic nurse who saved 2,500 Jews.

# Is Kindness Related To Forgiveness?

Why did Eva Kor shake hands with Oskar Groening (Prisoner with Guard at Auschwitz)



I know many people will criticize me for this photo, but so be it. It was two human beings seventy years after it happened. For the life of me I will never understand why anger is preferable to a goodwill gesture. Nothing good ever comes from anger. Any goodwill gesture in my book will win over anger any time. The energy that anger creates is a violent energy.

I am asking a question: What do we want in the future? Do we want to keep pointing fingers and the accused stay in one corner and the accuser stay in the other corner and they never connect? How will that work out? Look at the world – it doesn't work out. All we have is people who are feeling angry, people who are running around doing crazy things.

**Goodwill gesture = kindness!**

Ephesians 4:32, Be kind and compassionate to one another forgiving each other just as Christ has forgiven you!



# He Turned From Evil Toward Kindness.



The "Good Man of Auschwitz"

Working under J. Mengele. He refused to make Mengele's selections to work, experiment, & gas. He kept Mengele's patients alive by coming up with fake experiments keeping patients alive.

In 1947, 39 Nazi guards from Auschwitz were brought to trial. (Including Muench)

There was a single SS soldier who abhorred evil so much that he was exonerated and lived to tell about it.

He refused to make selections!



# How Does One Learn Kindness? How Does One Teach Kindness? Does It Take A Conscious Effort?



How does one teach kindness to children?

What can parents do...?

# What Can Be Done About “Bullying”?

How does one teach kindness to children and prevent bullying?



# Teaching Kindness In The Classroom!



# No One Eats Alone!

We Dine Together! From Steve Hartman's "Kindness 101"

YouTube



So no student eats alone

# Displaying Kindness In The Classroom!

As a teacher, have you ever bumped up the grade of a student due to unusual circumstances?

(<https://www.quora.com/As-a-teacher-have-you-ever-bumped-up-the-grade-of-a-student-due-to-unusual-circumstances>)

Yes. I bumped up the grade of one student from an F to an A.

I taught at a college that had, at the time, a problem that vexed nearly every college. Students who performed well in class, throughout the semester, obviously had a very high average. The final exam was often worth very little (less than 10% of the overall grade).

So, even failing the final with a zero left the student with an A or, at worst, a B. For certain classes where the student didn't care about the actual grade as long as he or she passed, students often didn't turn up for the final exam. To counter this, my college came up with the idea of making the final exam worth 40% of the grade. The minimum passing grade was 60% and 60%=D and, to move up to the next class, you normally needed at least a C. So, even in the unlikely event that you averaged 100% on every other assignment, you would still need to at least turn up for the final.

I had a student who was polite & diligent. He came to every class. He was on time every time. Class began at 8:00 a.m. He turned in work on time every time. He averaged a little over 90% on 9 different assignments, without requiring extra credit, tutoring, etc.

He didn't turn up for the final exam. He didn't call. He didn't send a message. This was before there was e-mail, never mind cell-phones.

I felt that this was very unusual for this particular student. I turned in all other grades, the day after the final, though I had two weeks to turn in all grades for the entire class but held off for this student. Eventually, a week after the final, the guy turned up. I asked him why he hadn't turned up for the final. He said that this father had been in hospital all semester. He had taken the 8:00 a.m. class so he could spend all day with his father, after class. At 4:00 a.m. on the day of the final, his father had passed away. He had come only to apologize to me for his rudeness in not informing me that he wouldn't be able to take the final! He knew he had failed. He knew the policy. He wasn't asking me to change his grade.

I went to my department chair. I knew there was a process whereby I could give the student an I (Incomplete) and allow him to take his final a few weeks later. But I didn't want to do that. I told her so and explained the circumstances. She told me to do whatever I liked. I didn't give the student an I.

I gave him an A.

# What About Kindness To God's Creatures?



Story of young Lincoln seeing neighbor boys putting hot rocks on the shells of turtles.



# Has Someone Shown Kindness To You!

Rethinking Kindness  
as  
something one  
**does!**

Matthew 7:16-20.

A tree is known by its fruit!

Matthew 25:40.

Whatever you did for one  
of the least...you were doing it  
to me!



**The Theology Of Interruptions  
Christopher Wright's Take on Kindness.**

How many times was Jesus interrupted?

It isn't always convenient!

It can be costly.

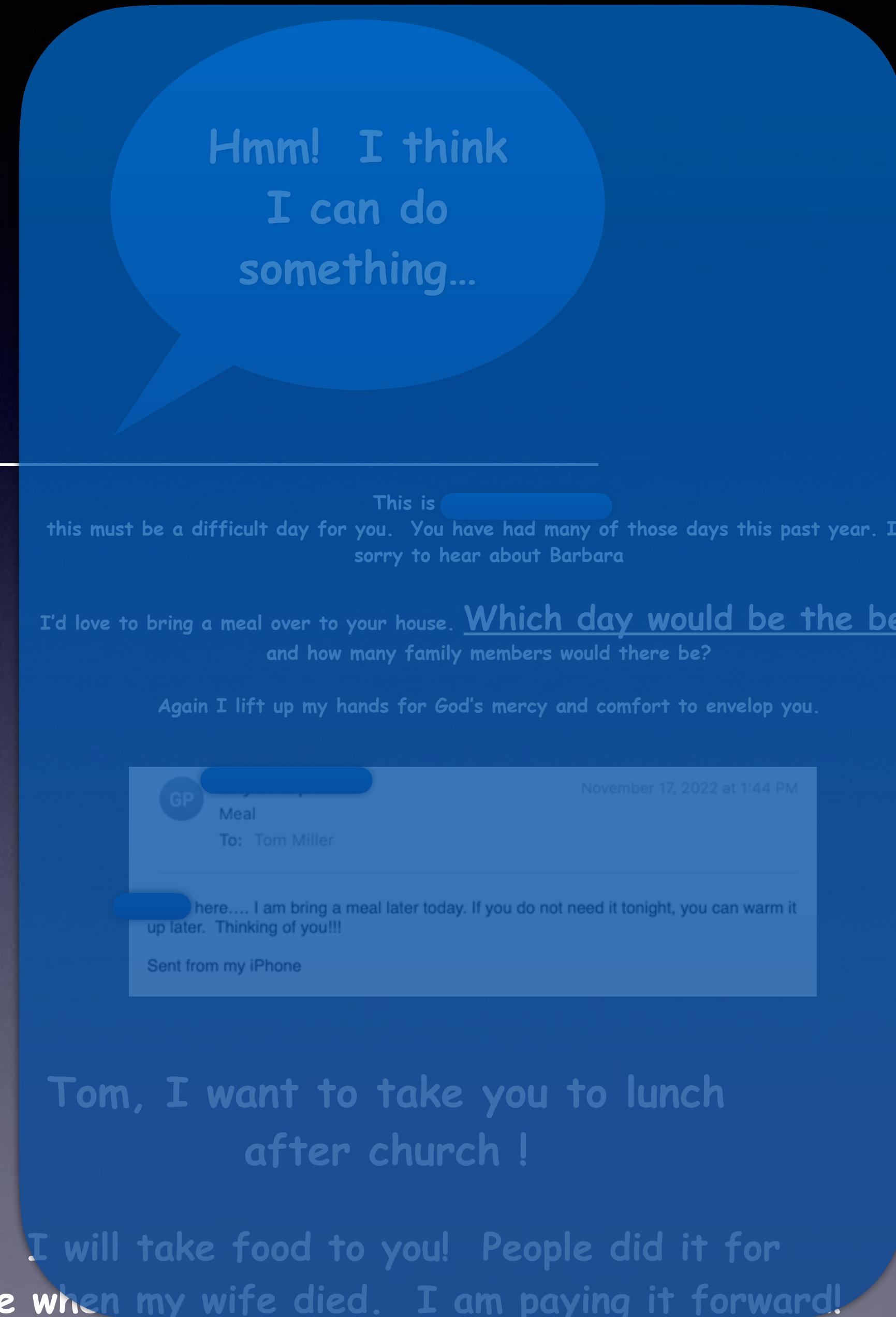
It can be risky and/or dangerous.

# You Can Do (Show) Kindness or Not!

“Is there anything I can do for you?”

“Let me know if you need anything!”

The ideology of “well meaning”!



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I can do for  
you?~~

~~Let me know  
if you need  
anything!~~

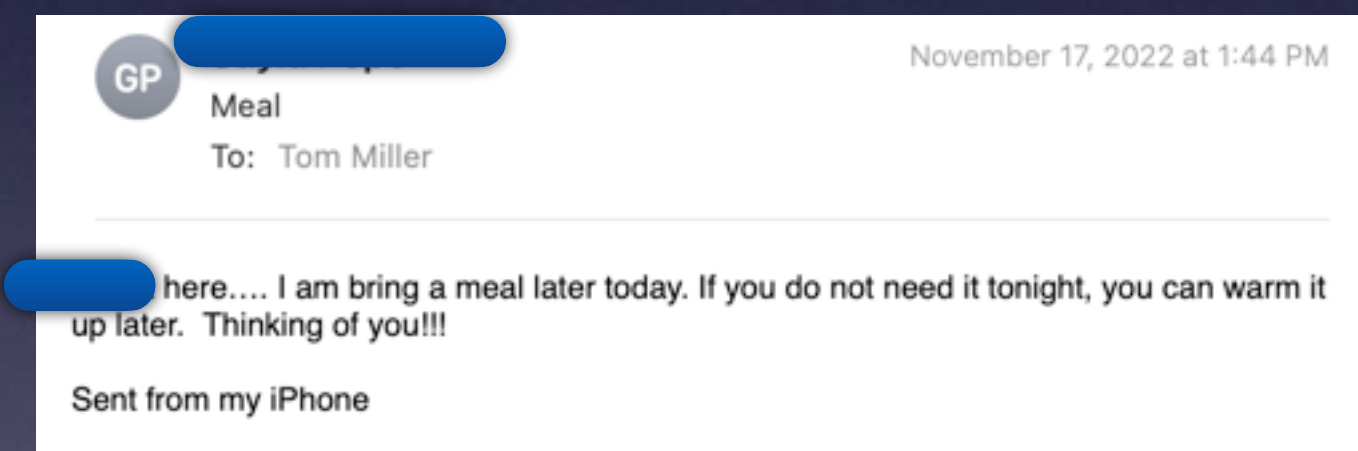
**Rethinking Kindness  
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does!**

Hmm! I think  
I can do  
something...

This is [redacted]  
this must be a difficult day for you. You have had many of those days this past year. I am  
sorry to hear about Barbara


I'd love to bring a meal over to your house. Which day would be the best  
and how many family members would there be?

Again I lift up my hands for God's mercy and comfort to envelop you.



Tom, I want to take you to lunch  
after church !

I will take food to you! People did it for  
me when my wife died. I am paying it forward!  
I will be at your house at 6:00 PM.



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[Redacted name]

November 17, 2022 at 1:44 PM

Meal

To: Tom Miller

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[Redacted] here.... I am bring a meal later today. If you do not need it tonight, you can warm it up later. Thinking of you!!!

Sent from my iPhone

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after church !

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This is the example  
**Jesus** set for us!

## The End Result Of Kindness!

Kindness drew people to Jesus.

It will draw people to you  
and then  
you can  
point them to Jesus.

# Van Gogh's "The Good Samaritan"

The greatest act of kindness!

The road from Jerusalem to Jericho was known as the "Way of Blood"!

Is the message telling you what to do for your others?

Or is it an example of the kindness Jesus has shown for us?



Priest

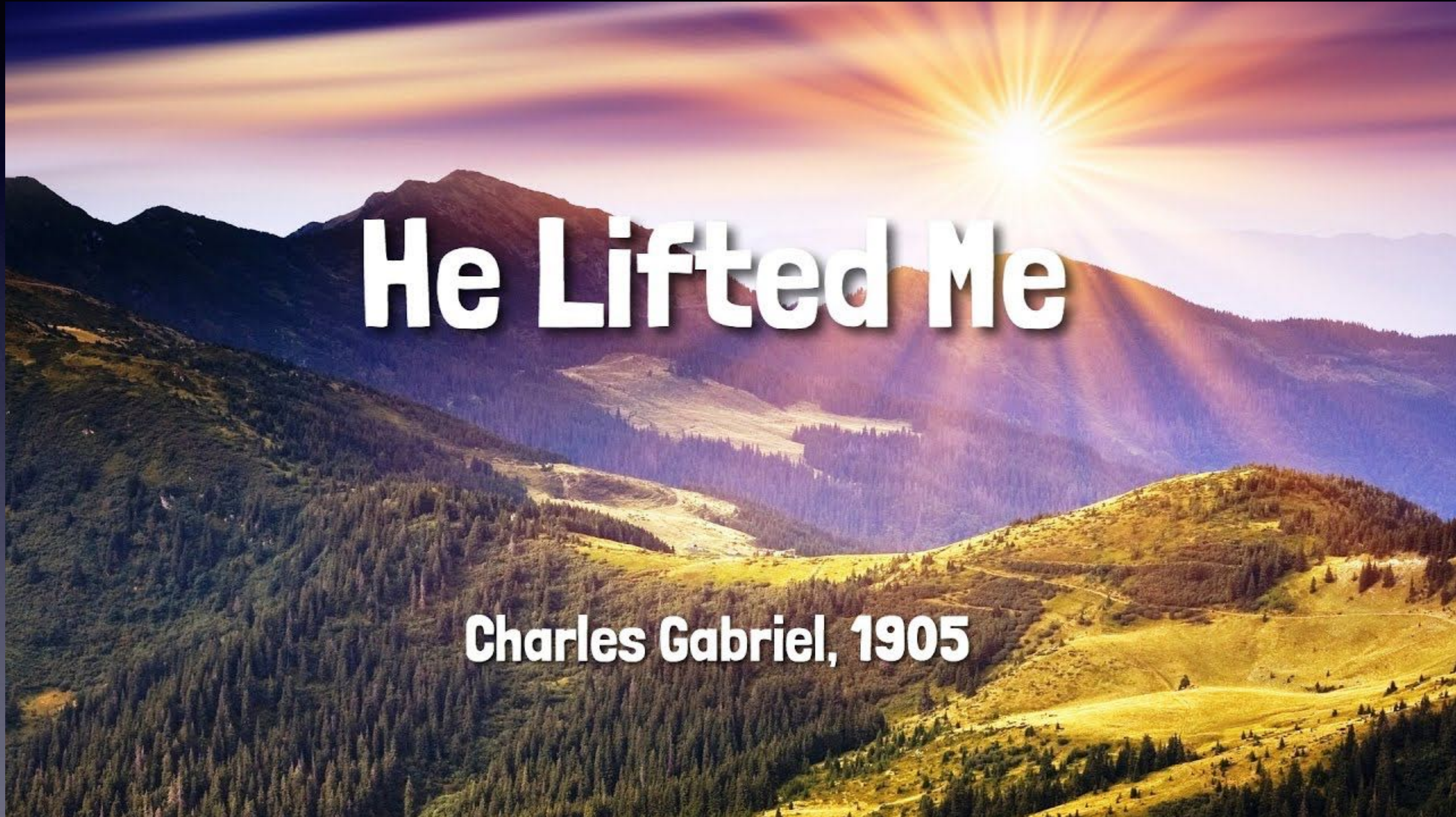


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# He Lifted Me!

Jesus is the Good Samaritan!





# Your Thoughts!

What ways you have experienced the kindness of the Lord in your life?

What effect does that have on how ready you are to show kindness to others?

Is there any difference between kindness as the fruit of the spirit and just being "ordinarily" nice?

In our culture, what does kindness look like in practice?

