

God's Kindness Instead of God's Judgment

"Let, I pray, Your merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to Your word to Your servant." Psalm 119:76



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In 1993 I was ministering in a large church in Bulgaria. I had just taught them from God's Word that according to Genesis 1:26-27, only God can create life. I shared how Psalm 139 tells us that God created us in our mother's womb and that every day of our lives was written in God's book before we were born. I taught them that Psalm 127 tells us that children are a heritage from the Lord and a *reward* from Him, that He sees children like arrows in the hand of a warrior, and that the man who has a quiver full of them is *blessed by God*.

Then I asked them some questions. Suppose I killed your child, not by accident but premeditated murder, not by a quick, painless death, *but brutal agony!* Then the police caught me, and I was tried in court. The evidence clearly proved my guilt, and the jury sentenced me to death. How many of you would step forward in court and say that you did not want me to die for my crime against you and your child? How many of you would give your other son to die in my place so that I would be set free? No death. No time in jail. Not even a fine. How many of you would give me mercy, kindness, and forgiveness instead of the judgment and death that my crime against you and your child deserved? Instead of being full of anger and bitterness, demanding that I die for my crime, how many of you would lovingly invite me to be part of your family and live with you forever?

Then I told them that in 1965, two years before I met my husband Richard, I had an abortion. In God's eyes I committed *premeditated murder*. But instead of giving me the death sentence that I deserved for murdering His child, He sent His Son Jesus to die on the cross for my sins. When I confessed that I was a sinner and asked Christ to be my Savior, He gave me a *full pardon*. Instead of judgment, He gave me His AMAZING GRACE, mercy, and kindness. I became part of His family.

As the Holy Spirit moved on their hearts, I saw many women cry out to God in repentance for murdering their children. Many had encouraged daughters, granddaughters, and friends to kill their babies. Many men repented of encouraging their wives and girlfriends to murder their children.

Beloved, have you murdered your baby or encouraged someone else to do it? Did you help pay for it? Only Jesus Christ can forgive you and cleanse you from your guilt and your shame. If you need some compassion, counsel, and help right now, I encourage you to call your local pregnancy resource center. But it starts with repenting of your sin, accepting Christ's love, forgiveness, and mercy, and then letting Him heal you.

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All scripture is taken from the New King James Version of the Bible.

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