Love is patient, love is kind. Love does not envy, is not boastful, is not arrogant, is not rude, is not self-seeking, is not irritable, and does not keep a record of wrongs. Love finds no joy in unrighteousness but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8



# **Volunteer Highlight: Maddie**

Maddie, a student at Concordia University Irvine, prayed for two years that God would give her a community in which to thrive. She found it immediately when she said "yes" to serving at Junior High Ministry summer camp. Now she co-leads a life group for seventh grade girls. "I go speechless thinking about how serving in JHM has impacted me. All I have to do is show up; God takes over and does the rest! Through serving in JHM, I'm able to see more of God and who He created me to be. I've become a "yes" person so I can grow in my faith and help others grow in theirs."

Want to use your gifts to serve those in our community? Go to marinerschurch.org and search **serve** 

## **PRAYER**

If you're in need of prayer, our prayer team is available at the **front of the Worship Center** after every service. To submit a prayer request online, email **prayer@marinerschurch.org** 



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# WELCOME TO MARINERS

We're so glad you're here! Our mission is to inspire people to follow Jesus and fearlessly change the world. If this is your first time here, we'd love to meet you! Here are your next steps:

- Visit the **Welcome Center** on the patio to find ways to get connected and opportunities to serve.
- Text CONNECT to 949.267.3131
- Attend our **New to Mariners** class to meet our pastors, learn who we are and how to get involved. Sat. Feb 9 • 6:30p | Upper Room

#### **MESSAGE** SERIES



No matter your relationship status, everyone loves a good love story. But most of those tales fall short of the deep. enriching love we all desire. Join us for our next series to learn more about the eternal love of God reflected in these timeless stories.



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### LOVE STORIES • mariners church irvine

## **LOVE IS KIND**

#### Love reveals different affections

<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. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Kind vs. Nice

Love isn't a random act of kindness

Kind actions can hide an unkind heart...but a kind heart intentionally seeks to benefit others.

Love story: Ruth & Boaz

<sup>16</sup> But Ruth replied, "Don't ask me to leave you and turn back. Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. <sup>17</sup> Wherever you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord punish me severely if I allow anything but death to separate us!" Ruth 1:16-17

Risky: Moabites/enemies of Israel (Deuteronomy 23:2-3)

<sup>10</sup> Ruth fell at his feet and thanked him warmly. "What have I done to deserve such kindness?" she asked. "I am only a foreigner." <sup>11</sup> "Yes, I know," Boaz replied. "But I also know about everything you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband. I have heard how you left your father and mother and your own land to live here among complete strangers. <sup>12</sup> May the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge, reward you fully for what you have done." Ruth 2:10-12

Kinsman Redeemer

Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37)

Kindness: See a need, feel compassion, respond.

"...now go and do the same." Luke 10:37

## In His kindness, He is patient in transforming us

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? Romans 2:4

### In His kindness, He does the work to save us

<sup>4</sup> When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. Titus 3:4-5

Jesus = Kinsman Redeemer

We reveal externally what is being renewed internally. (Galatians 5)

Sanctification

When love is kind...it's others-focused

When love is kind...it's compassion-oriented

When love is kind...it's often-surprising

"You have comforted me by speaking so kindly to me, even though I am not one of your workers." Ruth 2:13