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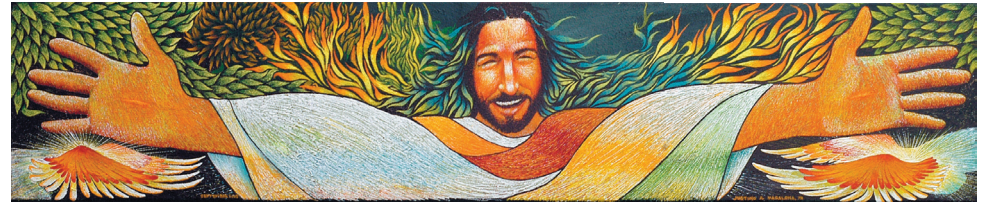
- MAR 12, 2011....YOUTH INSPIRED! LEADERS' RETREAT,**
HOLY ROSARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM
- MAR 19, 2011....FEAST**
HOLY ROSARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM, 1:30 p.m.
- APR 2, 2011....FEAST**
HOLY ROSARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM, 1:30 p.m.
- APR 9, 2011....FEAST**
HOLY ROSARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM, 1:30 p.m.
- APR 16, 2011....COMMUNITY-WIDE LENTEN RETREAT.**
HOLY ROSARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM, 1:30 p.m.
- APR 30-MAY 1, 2011....LIVE-IN MARRIAGE DEEPENING RETREAT (MDR),**
LA CONSOLATA
- May 7, 2011....FEAST**
HOLY ROSARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM, 1:30 p.m.
- May 14, 2011....FEAST (MAY 23 IS VICTORIA DAY)**
HOLY ROSARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM, 1:30 p.m.
- May 28 & 29....LIVING IN THE LIGHT SEMINAR (CLASS 100),**
HOLY ROSARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- JUNE 4 & 18....FEASTS**
HOLY ROSARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM, 1:30 p.m.
- AUG 12,13,14....LIVE-IN YOUTH JESUS ENCOUNTER**
LA CONSOLATA

Feb 12 Feast Prophecies:

"I am taking you by the right hand. I will go before you, I will break the gates and destroy the iron bars. I will give you the treasures hidden in darkness and the riches stored in secret places. So that you may know that I am Yahweh, the Lord of Israel, who called you by your name. I form the light and create the darkness. I usher in prosperity and bring calamity. I Yahweh have created you."

Come to me all who are weary and heavily laden and I will give you rest. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7 "

"I am the Lord your God. I have loved each one of you with an everlasting love and constant is my affection for you. My children I am pleased that you are here but know this my children. I will break you...yes, I will break you, so I can create a new you."



SERIES: WIRED TALK # 2: KINDNESS

**One Big Message: If You Want To Be A Life Champion,
Be Tenderhearted**

God's Kindness Is Like The Sun

Brothers and sisters, God is kind. And the kindness of God is like the sun. It's always there for us, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**His steadfast love is new every morning.
(Lamentations 3:23).**

When we have problems, we don't feel the kindness of God. But it doesn't mean that God isn't kind. It just means it's nighttime, but God's kindness is still shining in another part of our world. And in another part of our world, it's daytime! Soon, our night will pass. Our trials will pass. Our burdens will pass. And we'll see the first rays of the morning sun break through the darkness of our problems.

Love your enemies! Do good to them... Then your reward from heaven will be very great, and you will truly be acting as children of the Most High, for he is kind to those who are unthankful and wicked. (Lk 6:35-36)

God is kind. Everyone agrees. But this verse is shocking. Everyone believes that God is kind to good people. But this verse says that God is also kind to bad people. God is kind to wicked people! God is kind even to those who do not believe in Him! Why? Because everyone is His creation and He loves all that He has created!

**God's kindness leads us toward repentance.
(Romans 2:4).**

Repentance comes when God's kindness invades our soul.
Change of heart is a spontaneous result of being loved!

**Here's the truth: Forgiveness isn't the result of
Repentance. Rather, repentance is a result of forgiveness.
He said, "I don't condemn you—now go and sin no more."**

He loved first. He forgave first. He bestowed kindness first.

Do I Need God's Kindness?

Do you need the kindness of God today? Perhaps people are condemning you. Perhaps you are condemning yourself. Even before you ask for forgiveness, God already forgives you. Even before you repent of your sin, God already embraces and says, "Allow my embrace to change your life."

Show the kindness of God

**"The Kindness of God does not only change the receiver.
It also changes the giver."**

If we want to change our life, let us give the kindness of God away.

Be Kind To Your Family Members

Everyone has a tendency to be kinder to friends than to our own family. Because it's so easy to take them for granted. Let us be kind to our family, both the biological and spiritual family. And we'll see how the kindness of God will change their lives as well as ours!

Give Kindness To Those Who Don't Deserve It!

It's our turn. Give the kindness of God to people who don't deserve kindness. To people who have offended us, hurt us, maligned us, slandered us, and were selfish towards us.

For if we give kindness only to people who deserve kindness, that's not love. If we operate on a "I scratch your back if you scratch mine" policy, that's not love. That's business! Give kindness to people who aren't kind to us. People hunger for the kindness of God.

But Do Not Tolerate Abuse!

Does giving God's kindness to other people mean we must tolerate abuse? The answer is a resounding NO. We must never tolerate abuse because if we do, we are not being kind to other people and to ourselves. The best thing to do if we find ourselves in an abusive situation is to LEAVE the person who is abusing us, even temporarily, until the abuser changes his/her behavior. This may be the kindest thing we can do for him/her; to allow them to experience the bad consequences of their bad decisions. Sometimes, it's the only way for the abuser to change. We let them go not because we hate them but because we're kind to them.

Do One Act Of Kindness This Week

We cannot understand or explain the kindness of God. It's absurd. Preposterous. Lunacy! But it's the only thing that can change lives.

Someone in our life is hungering for the kindness of God. This week, give that person one act of kindness. Not your kindness—which is frail and faulty. Give the kindness of God. Infinite. Eternal. Powerful.

Questions for Personal Reflection/Group Discussion:

1. Am I in need of God's kindness? Do I need to bestow God's kindness on myself?
2. In what concrete ways can I give God's kindness to those who don't deserve it? In my family; in my CG and community, in my workplace and to others?