

SERMON GUIDE

Kindness as a Legacy
Acts 9:36-42

Theme: **The Enduring Power of Kindness in Today's America**

Introduction: What Will They Say About You When You're Gone?

Sticky Statement: _____

Scripture Foundation

Proverbs 31:26: 'She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.'

Acts 9:36: 'Now there was in Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which translated means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity.'

When Dorcas died, the community didn't just mourn — they remembered her kindness. And when Peter raised her from the dead, it wasn't just a miracle — it was God's way of saying, 'Kindness still matters.'

1. Kindness Speaks — Even When You're Silent

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Reflection:

- In your workplace, your school, and your home — what are you known for?
- Are you the one who tears down or builds up?
- Do people feel lighter or heavier after talking to you?



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2. Kindness Is Not Random — It's Intentional

Christlike kindness is when you do something for someone who can never repay you:

- Kindness toward someone who may not care for you...
- Kindness toward someone who disagrees with you politically...
- Kindness toward someone who might even insult you...

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Reflection:

- What consistent acts of kindness can you build into your daily life?
- Who needs your presence, your prayers, your patience?
- Can you be kind to someone who can't repay you?

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3. Kindness Leaves a Legacy That Outlives You

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Reflection:

- What legacy are you building right now?
- What seeds of kindness are you sowing that will grow into trees of transformation?

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Conclusion – The Ultimate Kindness

The greatest act of kindness was when Jesus gave His life for us. He didn't just talk about love — He demonstrated it. He didn't just heal bodies — He restored souls.

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Reflection:

- What kind of legacy are you building with your life?
- How will your kindness continue to speak after you're gone?

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Invitation

If you've never experienced the kindness of Jesus, today is your day. He's not mad at you — He's madly in love with you. He died so you could live. He was buried so your shame could be buried. And He rose so you could rise above your past.

If you already know Him, it's time to show Him — by showing kindness to others.

Let's be a church known for love. Let's be a people remembered for kindness. Let's leave a legacy that glorifies God and blesses generations.

Response:

_____ Today, I choose to receive the kindness of Jesus.

_____ Today, I commit to living a life of kindness that reflects Christ.

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