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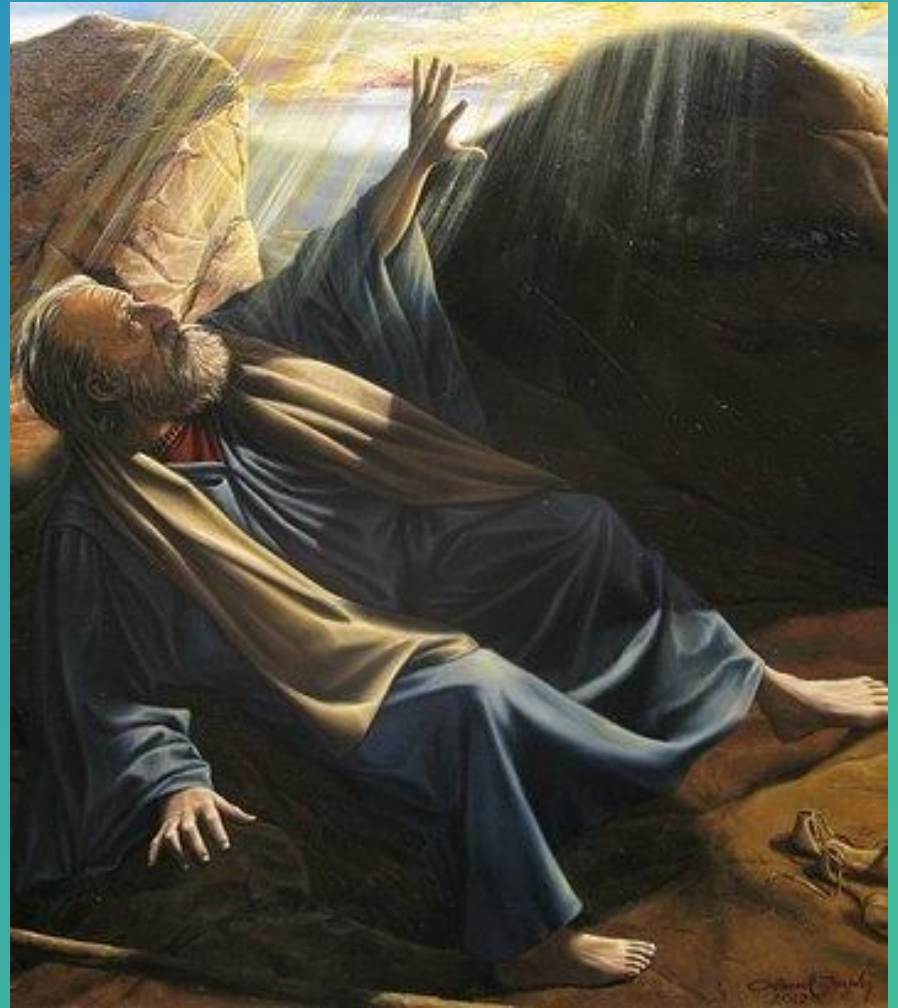
- “Pretty Ugly”
- “Awfully Good”
- “Definite Possibility”
- “Exact Estimate”
- “Your only choice”

# “Loyalty Rewards”



***“LET ME  
SEE  
YOUR  
GLORY”***

***Steadfast Love***



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# Understanding God As He Is...

**Exodus 34:6–7 (ESV)** — 6 The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in **steadfast love** and faithfulness, 7 keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children’s children, to the third and the fourth generation.”



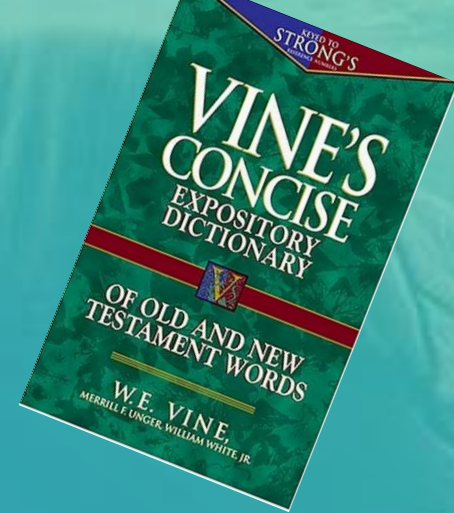
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# “Abounding in Steadfast Love”

- Lovingkindness
- Mercy
- Faithful Love
- Steadfast Love
- Covenant Love
- Loyal Love



# “Abounding in Steadfast Love”



In general, one may identify three basic meanings of **hesed**, and **these 3 meanings always interact -- strength, steadfastness, and love**. Any understanding of **hesed** that fails to suggest all three inevitably loses some of its richness. **Love** by itself easily becomes sentimentalized or universalized apart from the covenant. Yet **strength or steadfastness** suggests only the fulfillment of a legal (or similar) obligation. **Hesed** refers primarily to mutual and reciprocal rights and obligations between the parties of a relationship (especially Jehovah and Israel). But **hesed** is not only a matter of obligation but is also of generosity. It is not only a matter of loyalty, but also of mercy. **Hesed implies personal involvement and commitment in a relationship beyond the rule of law**.



# “Abounding in Steadfast Love”

Exodus 6:7 (CSB) — 7 I will take **you as my people**, and **I will be your God**. You will know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from the forced labor of the Egyptians.





## “Abounding in Steadfast Love”

**Jeremiah 2:2 (ESV) —**  
2 “Go and proclaim in the hearing of Jerusalem, Thus says the LORD, “I remember the **devotion [hesed]** of your youth, **your love as a bride**, how you followed me in the wilderness, in a land not sown.”

# “Abounding in Steadfast Love”

**Hosea 4:1–3 (CSB)** — **1** Hear the word of the LORD, people of Israel, for the LORD has a case against the inhabitants of the land: There is no truth, **no faithful love**, and no knowledge of God in the land! **2** Cursing, lying, murder, stealing, and adultery are rampant; one act of bloodshed follows another. **3 For this reason the land mourns**, and everyone who lives in it languishes, along with the wild animals and the birds of the sky; even the fish of the sea disappear.



# Abraham & God's "Hesed"

- Lied to Pharaoh (Gen. 12.11-13)
- Became Rich (Gen. 13.1-2)
- Mistreated Hagar
- Has another son who becomes a great nation... (Ishmael)
- Lies to the king of Gerar (Gen. 20.1-2)
- Becomes still richer (Gen. 20.14-16)

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# Jacob & God's "Hesed"

- Got Esau to sell him his birthright
- Tricked his father into giving him Esau's blessing
- Encounters God at Bethel (Genesis 28)
- Works for Laban for 14 years
- Became rich (Gen. 30.43)
- Returns to the land he fled





# JACOB & GOD'S "HESED"

Genesis 32:10 (CSB) — 10 I am unworthy of all the kindness [hesed] and faithfulness you have shown your servant. Indeed, I crossed over the Jordan with my staff, and now I have become two camps.





# JACOB & GOD'S "HESED"

Exodus 34:7 (CSB) — 7

maintaining **faithful love** to a  
**thousand generations**,  
forgiving iniquity, rebellion,  
and sin.



# JACOB & GOD'S "HESED"

Genesis 32:10 (CSB) — 10 |  
**am unworthy of all the  
kindness [hesed]...**



# JACOB & GOD'S "HESED"

Hosea 6:6 (CSB) — 6 For I  
desire **faithful love [hesed]**  
and not sacrifice, the  
knowledge of God rather than  
burnt offerings.

