

His Tender Care

He makes me to lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside the still waters.

He restores my soul.

He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

You anoint my head with oil.

Extracted from Psalm 23

In direct encounter with Immanuel, the tenderness and understanding we call "attunement" is experienced by the Receiver. Jesus really is tender hearted, merciful and gentle just like the Bible tells us. We can experience His tender care in our present and in the past. He has been able to show His caring to me by holding my hand, stroking my hair or just looking at me with His caring eyes and expression. Wonder of wonder, He cares for me!

Studies included in this article are: Care (God's); Care (Disciples'); Tenderhearted; Tender Mercies, Gentle, Gentleness of God; Gentleness of Disciples; Gently; Examples of His Tender Care

For more information on this topic, please see: "Loving Kindness"; "Merciful God"

Care (God's)

Job 10:12 You have granted me life and favor, And Your [care](#) has preserved my spirit.

Psalms 27:10 When my father and my mother forsake me, Then the LORD will take [care](#) of me.

Mark 4:38 But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not [care](#) that we are perishing?"

John 10:13 The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not [care](#) about the sheep.

Hebrews 2:6 But one testified in a certain place, saying: "What is man that You are mindful of him, Or the son of man that You take [care](#) of him?"

1 Peter 5:7 Casting all your [care](#) upon Him, for He cares for you.

Care (Disciples')

1 Corinthians 12:25 that there should be no schism in the body, but *that* the members should have the same care for one another.

2 Corinthians 7:12 Therefore, although I wrote to you, *I did not do it* for the sake of him who had done the wrong, nor for the sake of him who suffered wrong, but that our care for you in the sight of God might appear to you.

2 Corinthians 8:16 But thanks *be* to God who puts the same earnest care for you into the heart of Titus.

Philippians 2:20 For I [Paul] have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state.

Philippians 4:10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity.

1 Timothy 3:5 (For if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?).

Tenderhearted

Ephesians 4:32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.

1 Peter 3:8 Finally, all *of you be* of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, tenderhearted, *be* courteous;

Tender Mercies

Psalms 25:6 Remember, O LORD, **Your tender mercies** and Your loving kindnesses, For they are from of old.

Psalms 40:11 **Do not withhold Your tender mercies from me**, O LORD; Let Your loving kindness and Your truth continually preserve me.

Psalms 51:1 To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba. Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your loving kindness; According to the **multitude of Your tender mercies**, Blot out my transgressions.

Psalms 69:16 Hear me, O LORD, for Your loving kindness is good; Turn to me according to **the multitude of Your tender mercies**.

Psalms 77:9 Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has He in anger shut up **His tender mercies**? Selah

Psalm 79:8 Oh, do not remember former iniquities against us! Let **Your tender mercies** come speedily to meet us, For we have been brought very low.

Psalm 103:4 Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with loving kindness and **tender mercies**.

Psalm 119:77 Let **Your tender mercies** come to me, that I may live; For Your law is my delight.

Psalm 119:156 **Great are Your tender mercies**, O LORD; Revive me according to Your judgments.

Psalm 145:9 The LORD is good to all, And **His tender mercies are over all His works**.

Luke 1:78 Through **the tender mercy of our God**, With which the Dayspring from on high has visited us.

Colossians 3:12-13 Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*.

Gentle

Hosea 11:4 **I drew them with gentle cords**, With bands of love, And I was to them as **those who take the yoke from their neck. I stooped and fed them**.

Matthew 11:29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for **I am gentle** and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Gentleness of God

2 Samuel 22:36 You have also given me the shield of Your salvation; Your gentleness has made me great.

Psalms 18:35 You have also given me the shield of Your salvation; Your right hand has held me up, Your gentleness has made me great.

2 Corinthians 10:1 Now I, Paul, myself am pleading with you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ—who in presence *am* lowly among you, but being absent *am* bold toward you.

Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

Gentleness of Disciples

1 Corinthians 4:21 What do you want? Shall I come to you with a rod, or in love and a spirit of gentleness?

Galatians 6:1 Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who *are* spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.

Ephesians 4:1-3 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Philippians 4:5 Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord *is* at hand.

1 Timothy 6:11 But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.

Gently

Job 15:11 *Are* the consolations of God too small for you, And the word *spoken* **gently** with you?

Isaiah 40:11 He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, And carry *them* in His bosom, *And* **gently** lead those who are with young.

Examples of His Tender Care

1. **People of Jerusalem:** And say, "Thus says the Lord GOD to Jerusalem: Your birth and your nativity are from the land of Canaan; your father was an Amorite and your mother a Hittite. As for your nativity, on the day you were born your navel cord was not cut, nor were you washed in water to cleanse you; you were not rubbed with salt nor wrapped in swaddling cloths. No eye pitied you, to do any of these things for you, to have compassion on you; but you were thrown out into the open field, when you yourself were loathed on the day you were born. And when I passed by you and saw you struggling in your own blood, I said to you in your blood, 'Live!' Yes, I said to you in your blood, 'Live!' I made you thrive like a plant in the field; and you grew, matured, and became very beautiful. Your breasts were formed, your hair grew, but you were naked and bare. When I passed by you again and looked upon you, indeed your time was the time of love; so I spread My wing over you and covered your nakedness. Yes, I swore an oath to you and entered into a covenant with you, and you became Mine," says the Lord GOD. Then I washed you in water; yes, I thoroughly washed off your blood, and I anointed you with oil. I clothed you in embroidered cloth and gave you sandals of badger skin; I clothed you with fine linen and covered you with silk. I adorned you with ornaments, put bracelets on your wrists, and a chain on your neck. And I put a jewel in your nose, earrings in your ears, and a beautiful crown on your head. Thus you were adorned with gold and silver, and your clothing was of fine linen, silk, and embroidered cloth. You ate pastry of fine flour, honey, and oil. You were exceedingly beautiful, and succeeded to royalty. Your fame went out among the nations because of your beauty, for it was perfect through My splendor which I had bestowed on you," says the Lord GOD. **Ezekiel 16:3-14**

2. **Israel:** I taught Ephraim to walk, Taking them by their arms; But they did not know that I healed them. **Hosea 11:3**

3. **People of Nineveh:** But the LORD said, "You have had pity on the plant for which you have not labored, nor made it grow, which came up in a night and perished in a night. And should I not pity Nineveh, that great city, in which are more than one hundred and twenty thousand persons who cannot discern between their right hand and their left—and much livestock?" **Jonah 4:10-11**

4. **Disciples:** Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." ...So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" **Matthew 14: 25-27, 29-31**

5. **Peter, James, and John:** And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid." **Matthew 17:6-7**

6. **Widow of Nain:** Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep. Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. **Luke 7:11-15**

7. **Sinful Woman:** And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, 38 and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil...
Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and

wiped them with the hair of her head. You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little." Then He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." **Luke 7:37-38, 44-48**

8. **Man Beaten on The Road To Jericho:** Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' **Luke 10:30-35**

9. **Us:** And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." And they divided His garments and cast lots. **Luke 23:33-34**

10. **Thief on the Cross:** Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us." But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? "And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise." **Luke 23:39-43**

11. **Mary and Martha:** Jesus wept. **John 11:35**

12. **Disciples:** Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's [son], to betray Him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. After that,

He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. **John 13:1-5**

13. **Mary, His Mother:** Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home. **John 19:25-27**

14. **Peter:** So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Feed My lambs." He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep." **John 21:15-17**

15. **Paul:** At my first defense no one stood with me, but all forsook me. May it not be charged against them. But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that the message might be preached fully through me, and that all the Gentiles might hear. And I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. **2 Timothy 4:16-17**

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