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HESED

**hesed** = “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”

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–The Bible Project Podcast: Episode 222 The Loyal Love of God

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**Hesed** is the difference between saying the words “I love you” and \_\_\_\_\_ of your commitment to another person by serving them.

**Hesed** is one of the most common words used to describe God by the \_\_\_\_\_. Ps 103:11

**Hesed** is a word that God uses to \_\_\_\_\_. Ex 34:6-7

**Hesed** is expressed by God \_\_\_\_\_. Num 14:11-19

**Hesed** can be expressed by \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. Gen 47:29-30; 1Sam 20:13-15; 2Sam 9:1-7; Ruth 1:8-17

### Hesed in Ruth

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### TALK IT OVER

Talking through the message during the week can really help clarify the things that God is teaching you and let others learn from your experiences. Get with someone this week and talk about your answers to the following questions:

What thought from the message was most helpful to you?

What thought from the message was most challenging to you?

Read each of the verses in Ruth that use hesed. What is happening in each that is similar? What is different? What is God teaching you?

What questions remain for you about hesed?

What is God teaching you these days?

What would you like the group to join you in praying about?

### For more on the hesed of God:

[Finding God in the Margins: The Book of Ruth.](#)  
Carolyn Custis James. Chapter 5: The Power of Hesed.

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