

Looking at the 'One anothers'

Confess your sins one to another

Let's read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 from the Passion translation:

“Love is large and incredibly patient. Love is gentle and consistently **kind** to all. It refuses to be jealous when blessing comes to someone else.”

“Love does not brag about one’s achievements nor inflate its own importance. Love does not traffic in **shame** and disrespect, nor selfishly seek its own honour. Love is not easily irritated or quick to take offense.”

“Love joyfully celebrates **honesty** and finds no delight in what is wrong. Love is a **safe place** of shelter, for it never stops believing the best for others. **Love never takes failure as defeat**, for it never gives up.”

Let's turn to the passage in **James 5:16**:

“Confess your sins one to another and pray for each other that you may be healed.”

In the Passion Translation this passage reads:

“Confess and acknowledge how you have **offended** one another.”

The footnote to that says that the Aramaic translation is **faults or folly or offenses** whilst the Greek translation is **sin**.

The scripture says in Romans 2:4

“Don’t you see how **wonderfully kind**, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can’t you see that his **kindness** is intended to turn you from your sin?”

A quote from C S Lewis in 'Surprised by Joy'. It starts like this:

“The hardness of God is kinder than the softness of men...”

The story of the woman
caught in adultery in
John 8:1-11

William H. Willimon a professor at Duke Divinity School in the US, said:

‘Although Jesus discourages us from showing off our goodness, he commends **public** admission (confession) of badness’.

In the Message James 5:16 says:

“Make this your **common practice**: Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you can live together whole and healed. The prayer of a person living right with God is something powerful to be reckoned with.”

James 4:8 –10 says:

“Move your heart close to God in an attitude of humility and he will exalt you.”



Some questions to think about:

Do I really believe God is always kind?

Is it difficult for me to share my faults with someone else, and if so how can I grow in this area?