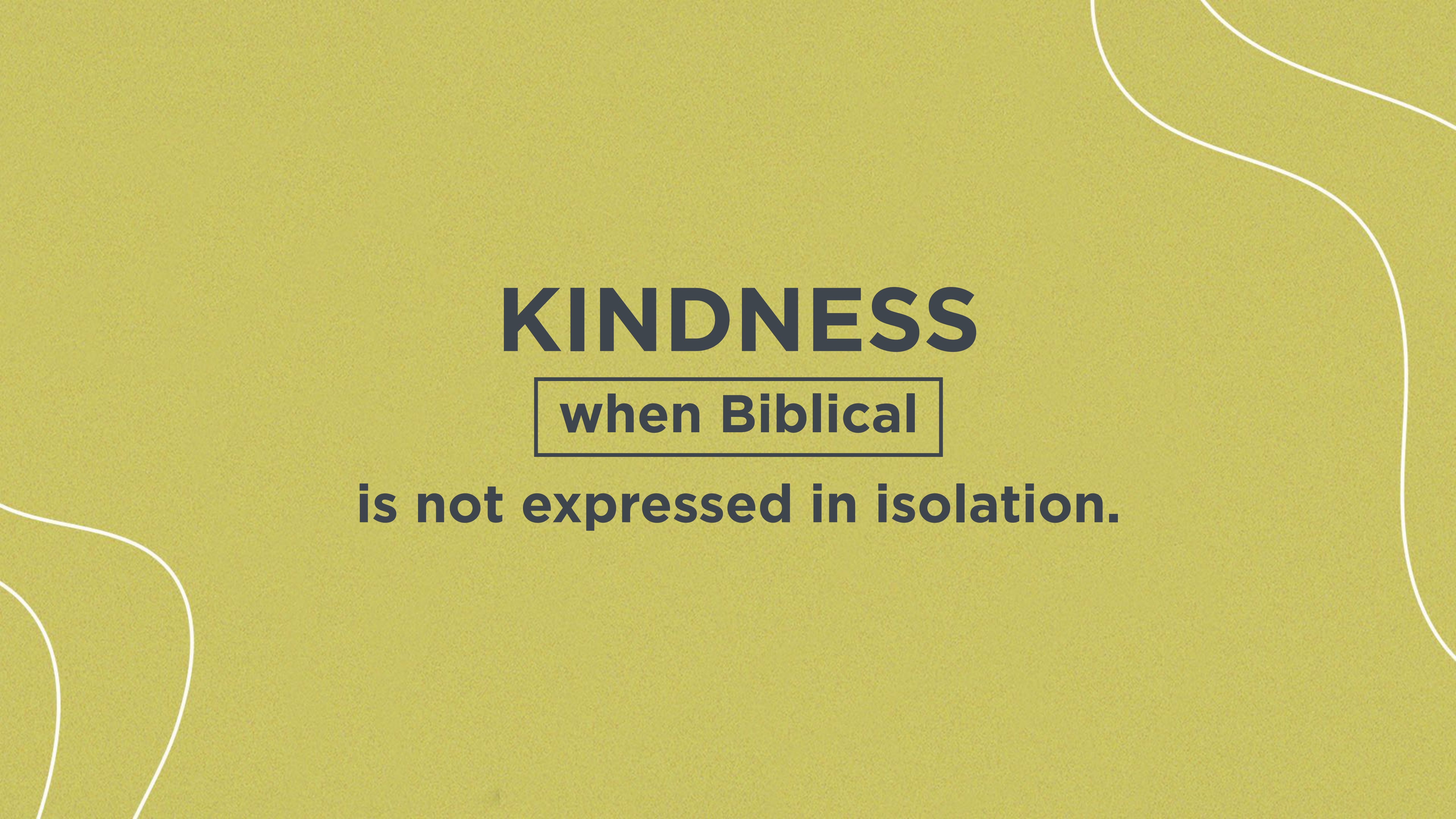


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is not expressed in isolation.

2 PETER 3:8-9 | But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

ROMANS 3:25-26 | **God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.**

MATTHEW 11:18-19 | **For John came
neither eating nor drinking, and they say,
“He has a demon.” The Son of Man came
eating and drinking, and they say,
“Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard,
a friend of tax collectors and sinners!”**

Isaiah 61:1-2

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JOHN 3:16-18 | For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe **stands condemned already** because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

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does not make the wrong right

but gives those in the wrong

time to put things right.

QUESTION 1

How prevalent is immediate judgment?

QUESTION 2

**How much relational tension is caused
by a rush to judgment?**

ROMANS 11:30-32 | Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

QUESTION 3

**How can those who are
so obviously in the wrong
expect mercy and kindness?**

EPHESIANS 2:1-5 | **As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.**

QUESTION 4

**What happens when we don't
reciprocate kindness?**

ROMANS 2:1-4 | You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things. Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth. So when you, a mere human being, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment? Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?

ROMANS 11:22 | **Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off.**

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