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*always of God....
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R.C. Sproul Jr.

There may be no more significant Old Testament description of how God relates to His people than this Hebrew word *'hesed'*. I argue that the best translation of this term would be **"loyal love"**. God loves His people genuinely, immutably, loyally. Both the love and the loyalty are, of course, tightly bound together. That is, just as one cannot love capriciously so one cannot be loyal without love. God is for His people, and will never cease to be for them.

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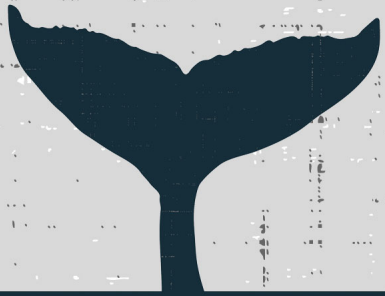
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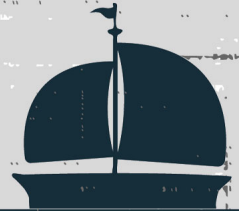
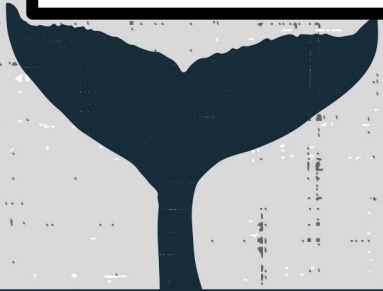
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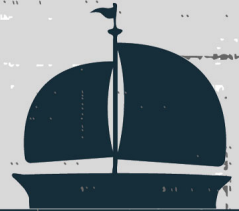
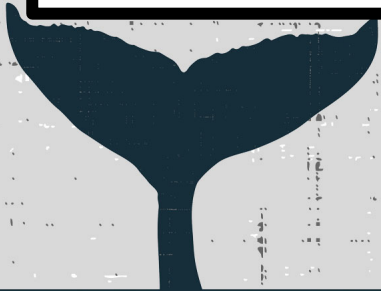
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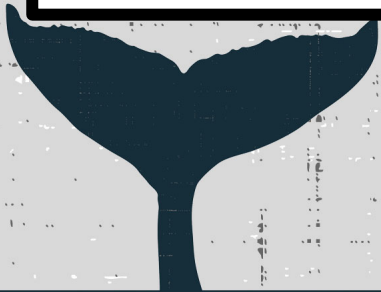


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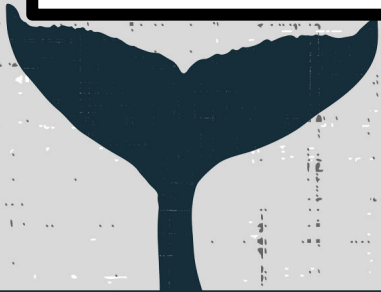
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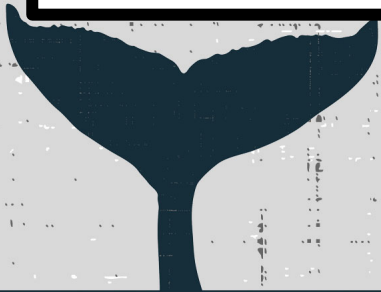
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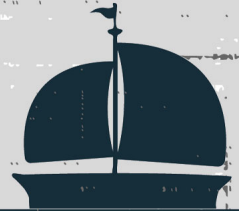
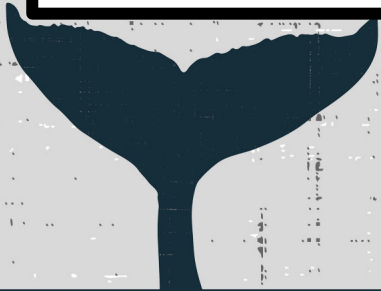
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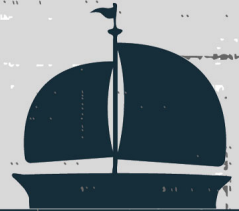
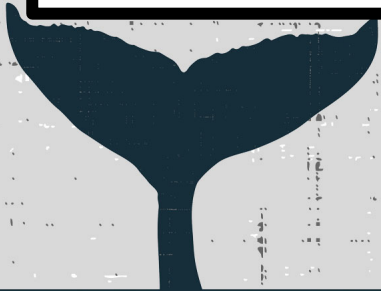
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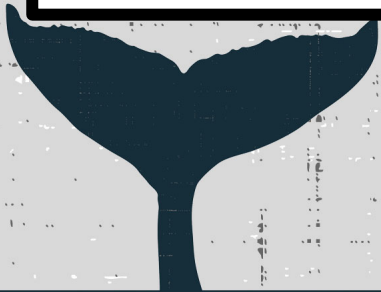


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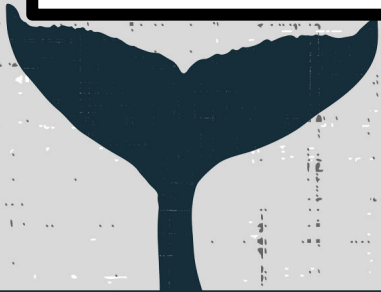
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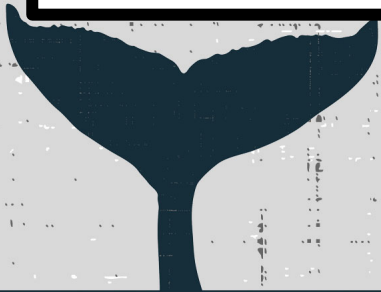
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