Dear Friend,

I pray these simple words will bring you spiritual encouragement as you live the "with God life!"

GOD'S LOVE--God loves his people because God loves his people--freely and unconditionally.

RIGHTEOUS ACTS--Human righteous acts do not gain God's favor; they are evoked by God's favor.

KINDNESS--God is in the kindness business. Wherever there is true kindness between human beings, God is the giver and sustainer of that kindness. God does not reward us for being kind. God is present in our kindness--giving, luring, testing, enhancing, opening up our hearts,re-creating us in his image. Like goodness, kindness is its own reward and that reward is God himself.

I enjoyed recently reading again the biblical story of how poor, hard-working Ruth showed kindness to Naomi. She didn't have to. Her kindness revealed who she really was. I was inspired to read how that rich, strong Boaz helped and protected a young woman at risk in a man's world. His magnanimity demonstrated who he really was.

May our attitude and simple acts of kindness tell the world who we really are as well!

With love,

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