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*"He delights in mercy" (Micah 7:18)*

## Nicknames

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When I was in college, I knew a girl who liked to talk. I mean, she liked to talk! She talked when she should have talked and she talked when she shouldn't have talked. It didn't take her long to gain a reputation for her waging tongue. To the people on campus who knew her, she was nicknamed the "Mouth of the South." (I hope she's not subscribed to this list!)

Did you know that we can read of nicknames in the Bible? There was a man by the name of Joses who had a nickname. You probably know him better by his nickname. He was a good man, the Bible says. In fact, every time he is mentioned in the Bible he was found helping someone. Thus, the apostles got together and named him "Barnabas," which means the "son of encouragement." Now that's a nickname you can be proud of.

If God were to give you a nickname according to your character, what would it be? Grumpy? Meany? Worry Wart? Or Peacemaker? Merciful? and Faithful?

Give it some thought.