

Title: THE POWER OF MERCY

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Mercy

Oxford Dictionary:

Compassion or forgiveness shown towards someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm.

I would like to invite you to move beyond the intellectual concept of mercy and feel the mercy of God.

Hebrews 4 :15-16 ¹⁵ For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Matthew 18:23-27 ²³ Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents ²⁵ But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made ²⁶ The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' ²⁷ Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

Acts 16: 33-34 ³³ And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized. ³⁴ Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household

Luke 10:33 ³³ But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion.

Mercy can find us in:

Troubled times

Pain

Sin

Failure

Shame

2 Kings 6 :1-7 ¹ And the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, "See now, the place where we dwell with you is too small for us. ² Please, let us go to the Jordan, and let every man take a beam from there, and let us make there a place where we may dwell." So he answered, "Go." ³ Then one said, "Please consent to go with your servants." And he answered, "I will go." ⁴ So he went with them. And when they came to the Jordan, they cut down trees. ⁵ But as one was cutting down a tree, the iron ax head fell into the water; and he cried out and said, "Alas, master! For it was borrowed." ⁶ So the

man of God said, "Where did it fall?" And he showed him the place. So he cut off a stick, and threw it in there; and he made the iron float. ⁷ Therefore he said, "Pick it up for yourself." So he reached out his hand and took it.

- 1) The master didn't have to go with
- 2) The young man was in trouble, it was a borrowed axe
- 3) Where did it fall? Where did it go wrong?
- 4) Pick it up for yourself
- 5) He reached out and took it

Ephesians 2:4-5 ⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

Luke 6:36 Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.