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**

> 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.

> 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**

> Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.

> And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.

> 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.

> The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.'

> Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

**Acts 16:33-34**

> And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized.

> 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**

> 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**

> And the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, "See now, the place where we dwell with you is too small for us.

> 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." Then one said, "Please consent to go with your servants." And he answered, "I will go." So he went with them. And when they came to the Jordan, they cut down trees.

> 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." 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. 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**  
But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 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.