

Pastor Lance Ainsworth	MESSAGE NOTES	Sunday, June 21
Happy Fathers Day		notes
Introduction A.W. Tozer "What comes into our minds when we think God is the most important thing about us."	about	
How do I know if I have created my own ima God? If that God agrees with everything I th	•	
Exodus 34 New King James Version (NKJV)		
34 And the LORD said to Moses, "Cut two takes of stone like the first ones, and I will write on tablets the words that were on the first table you broke.	these	
2 So be ready in the morning, and come up is morning to Mount Sinai and present yoursel there on the top of the mountain. 3 And no reshall come up with you, and let no man be set throughout all the mountain; let neither flood herds feed before that mountain."	f to Me man een	
4 So he cut two tablets of stone like the first Then Moses rose early in the morning and w Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded he took in his hand the two tablets of stone.	ent up	
5 Now the LORD descended in the cloud and with him there and proclaimed the name of		
6 And the LORD passed before him and prod "The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gra- longsuffering, and abounding in goodness a	cious,	
7 keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving initiand transgression and sin, by no means clea guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upo children and the children's children to the the fourth generation."	ring the n the	
Simple definition of Mercy – God does not gi what we deserve.	ve us	
Romans 6:23 For the Wages of sin is death. E gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our L		

1. We must acknowledge our guilt to receive mercy.  We are all guilty of breaking God's laws.  James 2:10 says if we break one law we are as guilty as someone breaking all of the laws	8 So Moses made haste and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshiped. 9 Then he said, "If now I have found grace in Your sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray, go among us, even though we are a stiff-necked[a] people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us as Your inheritance."
Mercy is an emotive word, synonymous with compassionate, forgiving, patient.	We worship him. We confess our sin.
The children of Israel needed mercy after mercy after mercy after mercy.	We accept his Mercy and Grace. We put down our own images of God. We surrender to His Will.
Listen to what Lamentations says Lamentations 3:22-23 English Standard Version (ESV) 22 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; 23 they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.	notes
2. God's motive for mercy is to restore relationship.	
Exodus 34:14 New King James Version (NKJV) 14 (for you shall worship no other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God),	
Hebrew – Jealousy – qana –Red in the face	
3. We must be merciful. Luke 6:36 New King James Version (NKJV) 36 Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.	
4. Mercy changes our countenance.	
Exodus 34:29 New King James Version (NKJV) 29 Now it was so, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the Testimony were in Moses' hand when he came down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone while he talked with Him.	
The other side of Mercy is grace	
Grace – Getting what we don't deserve.	
Grace is the unmerited favor of God.	
Gracious, the Hebrew word channun, in its verb form, means to be considerate, to show favor.	
Mercy is a compassion grace is the action.	
Salvation is by God's grace Ephesians 2:8-9 it is by God's grace we have been saved.	
Mercy - God does not give us what we deserve. Grace - Getting what we don't deserve.	
How do we respond to God's Mercy and Grace?	
Exodus 34:8-9 New King James Version (NKJV)	

## **GROUP DISCUSSION**

This Sunday we talked about God revealing himself to Moses as merciful and gracious. What is the opposite of merciful and gracious? What do you identify God with more merciful and gracious or cruel and angry? Is it possible to be both?

When have you seen God's mercy in your life? Why is it important to remember God's work of mercy in our life?

Who do you need to give mercy to? In Jonah 4, Jonah is angry that God has given Nineveh mercy. Have you ever thought that somebody else didn't deserve mercy? Is it hard when people you don't like get mercy they don't deserve?

Along with mercy comes grace. God forgave the children of Israel and still gave them a chance to receive their inheritance. Grace is getting what we don't deserve. How have you seen God's grace at work in your life? How has God blessed you despite your short comings?

What are some things you are hoping to learn during this new sermon series? What hurdles might hinder you from growing in these areas?