

Empowered Pt. II, Week 3 - July 12, 2026

A Heart for Those in Need - Acts 9:32-43

- Personality tests are not actually intended to give us an identity
- Our spiritual gifts are not who we are

Mercy

- Definition: “The divine enablement to cheerfully and practically help those who are suffering or are in need.” *Bruce Bugbee*
- The gift of Mercy is all about moving toward the messiness of people’s lives
- Indicators for the gift of Mercy
 - When you hear about people who are suffering, your first thought is, “What can I do?”
 - It’s not just that tears come easily as you hear or see things that sadden you, that sadness spurs you to action
 - You have an unusual sensitivity to people who are hurting
 - Especially when confronted with need, you may find you struggle to set and maintain boundaries

Intercession

- Definition: “The gift of intercession is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to pray for extended periods of time on a regular basis and see frequent and specific answers to their prayers, to a degree much greater than that which is expected of the average Christian”
Peter Wagner
- Three expressions of the gift of intercession
 - The list people
 - Those who faithfully, consistently, and systematically pray for the prayer list for as long as needed
 - The assignment people
 - Those who have a burden for a particular person, a work, a group, or a place
 - The prompting people
 - Those who, when God puts something on their heart, can’t not pray until that prompting passes
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