

## 1. The most prayed prayer in the Bible! *Mt. 15:22, Mt. 17:14-15, Mt. 20:29-31, Mt. 23:23, Luke 17:12-13, Luke 18:9-14*

2. Please God, may I NOT have to pay the full price for my own sins!

- a. Temporal → Divorce / Job / Health / Kids
- b. Eternal → Most of all – stand before God – final judgement!

### 3. Begins from a place of WEAKNESS OR HELPLESSNESS!

- a. Not a negotiation! *Come on – can you cut me a break!* Mercy = total helplessness
- b. 26 synonyms for helpless →
- c. Weakness = Broken – every major positive character in the Bible!
  - i. Flesh → Defend / Fight / Deny
  - ii. Re-Train your Brain → Strength = Broken! (*Training a Dog*) (Offensive?)

**II Cor. 12:9-10** But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for **my power is made perfect in weakness.**"

Therefore I will **boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses**, so that

**Christ's power may rest on me.** <sup>10</sup> That is why, **for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.**

1. defenseless	14. dependent
2. destitute	15. exposed
3. disabled	16. feeble
4. forlorn	17. forsaken
5. impotent	18. friendless
6. paralyzed	19. handcuffed
7. powerless	20. inefficient
8. unable	21. inexpert
9. unprotected	22. infirm
10. weak	23. invalid
11. abandoned	24. over a barrel
12. basket-case	25. pinned
13. debilitated	26. prostrate

#### 4. Mercy assumes REPENTANCE!

- a. Luke 15 Parable of Prodigal son – son repented
- b. John 8:10-11 – Go now and leave your life of sin

5. **Mercy can be asked for when battling trying to FLEE temptation!** I Cor. 10:13, Heb. 2:18

## 6. Lamentations – His mercies are NEW every morning!!!

*Lamentations 3:22-23 It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.*

## 7. Jesus referring to a verse “I DESIRE MERCY NOT SACRIFICE”

- a. *Mt. 9:12-13* – Jesus response to their accusations against his hanging with sinners.
- b. *Mt. 12:7* – short time later – Pharisees accusing disciples of eating heads of grain.

Mt. 9:12-13 On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But **go and learn** what this means: '**I desire mercy, not sacrifice.**' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Mt. 12:7 If you had known  
what these words mean,  
**desire mercy, not sacrifice,**'  
would not have condemned the innocent

## 8 Mercy leads to FAVOR

- a. Both require Faith – Trusting God to fill in the gap
- b. David – Prayed both prayers more than any other man! 100 each.
- c. *1 Sam. 7:15-16, 19*

II Sam. 7:15-16 KJV But my **MERCY** shall **not depart** away from him,  
NLT But my **FAVOR** will **not be taken** from him  
**as I took it from Saul**, whom I put away before thee.

## 9. Mercy is the opposite of JUDGEMENT!

- a. Judgement /Justice – what we DESERVE in any situation
- b. Judgement comes from strength, Mercy is received from weakness
- c. Cannot understand mercy unless we understand judgement

v. 19 Do you **deal with everyone this way**, O Sovereign Lord?

## 10. Homework for next week!

- a. What is a judgement? *1 Cor. 4:3-5*
- b. Is it judging to state an action as wrong?
- c. Is it judging to bring correction to wrong actions?
- d. Is it judging to remove yourself from those who consistently have wrong actions?
- e. Is it acceptable to show mercy to someone who has not taken ownership or accepted responsibility for their actions?