

Mercy Series: **The Ministry Of Mercy**

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**Personal Reflection**

*Take time this week to pray & respond to the following:*

*Exercising mercy may be one of the most difficult actions you take in life. Without a doubt, you have had & will continue to have opportunities to be merciful to those around you. The reason mercy is difficult is because of the demand it places upon the giver. Mercy gives forgo their power or right to carry out retribution in order that the recipient may experience forgiveness, redemption & restoration.*

*The Gospel is God’s message of forgiveness, redemption & restoration. There couldn’t be a Gospel if there were no mercy to be given. God’s limitless capacity to exercise mercy makes salvation possible. Through Jesus, God secured mercy for all who would accept it. He gives it freely to all who are broken, downcast & rejected. As recipient’s of God’s mercy, His people must also be bearers of it to the world.*

*Consider for a moment how you have benefitted from the mercy of God. Is there any way in which you are taking His mercy for granted? Are you intentionally & actively endeavoring to be a bearer of the mercy God has shown you? Are you presently withholding mercy from someone in your life?*

*Prayerfully reflect on your attitude & actions with respect to mercy. Invite God to reveal the true condition of your heart & will. Ask God to help you participate in the ministry of mercy to the broken & lost world. Thank God for His ability & willingness to work through you to bring comfort & healing to those who are hurting. Commit to be a promoter & practitioner of mercy throughout your life. Praise God for His ability to transform you from the inside out—increasing your ability forgive, love & serve day by day.*

**I. Uncommon Mercy**

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**II. The Merciful Savior**

Mercy For The Broken

Matthew 15:29-31

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Mercy For The World

Luke 23:44-49

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**III. Our Ministry Of Mercy**

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