

NOTES: Mercy
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Mercy means = Compassion, Kindness (not getting what is deserved)

1. Moses Saw God's Mercy

- Exodus 32-24, The golden calf

"Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, 'The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations.'"
(Exodus 34:6-7, NASB95)

2. Jeremiah Lamented God's Mercy

"Remember my affliction and my wandering, the wormwood and bitterness. Surely my soul remembers And is bowed down within me. This I recall to my mind, Therefore I have hope. The LORD's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. 'The LORD is my portion,' says my soul, 'Therefore I have hope in Him.' The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, To the person who seeks Him." (Lamentations 3:19-25, NASB95)

3. David Experienced God's Mercy

"Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; According to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity And cleanse me from my sin." (Psalm 51:1-2, NASB95)

4. We need God's Mercy

God ultimate act of mercy was sending Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2.1-9

Ephesians 2.4-5 *"But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),"*

God's Foundational manifestation of His mercy is that He forgives our sin if we ask.
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Sermon Discussion Questions: Mercy

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1. Share the first time you experienced “mercy”, from another person?

Mercy means “Compassion or Kindness”. Pastor said it’s not getting what we deserve.

2. Read Exodus 34.6-7 and list the attributes of God. How have you personally experienced some of these.

3. How is this different than many people’s view of God or view of God in the Old Testament?

4. How did history in the Bible from that point prove these truly are the attributes of God?

5. In Jeremiah 39 we have the historical account of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon sieging the city of Jerusalem for 30 months. It was a terrible time for Judah. They were down, but the words of the prophet Jeremiah in Lamentations 3.19-25 bring hope. Please read these verses.

6. Have you ever been in a dark place, and needed to hear these words? When? How did you make it through?

7. As Jeremiah prayed this through tears, and there was no evidence of the siege stopping, where did he speak these word from?

8. Read Ephesians 2.1-10

9. How are we “dead” in sins?

10. Pastor Nate Said the greatest manifestation of grace is forgiveness of sin. Why did he say that? How are we forgiven? Why are we forgiven when we ask?

Close in prayer, thanking God for His mercy, love, kindness to us, for forgiveness, for salvation.

“Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah” (Psalm 32:1–5, ESV)