FORTIFY - With His Mercy

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James 2:12-13 (NIV) – "Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment".

1 Timothy 1:12-16 (NIV) – "I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life".

"mercy" = Greek *eleos* – "mercy, pity, compassion"; HELPS – "loyalty to God's covenant"; Strong's – "mercy, kindness, or good will toward the miserable and afflicted, joined with a desire to relieve them".

"Mercy is not something God has, but something God is" – ***A.W. Tozer***

Matthew 9:12-13 (NIV) – 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".

"The disease of self runs through my blood, it's a cancer fatal to my soul. Every attempt on my behalf has failed, to bring this sickness under control. Tell me, what's going on inside of me? I despise my own behavior. This only serves to confirm my suspicions, that I'm still a man in need of a Savior" – ***DC Talk***

Ephesians 2:1-2 (NIV) – "As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient".

James 1:15 (NIV) - "Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death".

Ephesians 2:3-5 (NIV) – "All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved".

"God's mercy is so great that you may sooner drain the sea of its water, or deprive the sun of its light, or make space too narrow, than diminish the great mercy of God" – **Charles Spurgeon**

Romans 3:26 (NIV) – "He did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus".

Psalm 85:10 (NKJV) – "Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed".

Luke 17:12-14 (NASB) – "As he entered a village, ten leprous men who stood at a distance met Him; and they raised their voices, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When He saw them, He said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests'. And as they were going, they were cleansed".

Titus 3:1-5a (NIV) – "Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and always to be gentle toward everyone. At one time, we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived, and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy".

Matthew 27:26 (NIV) - "Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified".