

# Blessed Are the Merciful

*Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Matthew 5:7*

## Four Graduated Expressions of Mercy

### 1. We should express mercy through \_\_\_\_\_ to those who are in need.

*If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:17-19*

*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ Matthew 25:35-36*

*“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ Matthew 25:37-39*

*“The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’ Matthew 35:40*

## Blind Bartimaeus Receives His Sight

Mark 10:46-52

### 2. We should express mercy through \_\_\_\_\_ for the hurting. *Four Graduated Expressions of Mercy*

## The Parable of the Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25-37

*“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”*

*The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”*

*Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.” Luke 10:36-37*

## Zacchaeus the Tax Collector

Luke 19:1-10

### 3. We should have patience with those who have \_\_\_\_\_.

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*Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:1-2*

## The Woman Caught in Adultery

John 8:1-11

*Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"*

*"No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin." John 8:10-11*

*Mercy and truth have met together; Righteousness and peace have kissed.*

**Psalm 85:10 (NKJV)**

*He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8*

## Absalom Kills Amnon

2 Samuel 13:20-39

*Mercy is Compassion based on \_\_\_\_\_.*

### 4. We should express mercy through \_\_\_\_\_ to the offender. *Four Graduated Expressions of Mercy*

## The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

Matthew 18:21-35

*"This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart." Matthew 18:35*

*Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. **Ephesians 4:32***

*“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. **Matthew 5:43-45***

*Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. **Micah 7:18***

*Through the LORD’s mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. **Lamentations 3:22-23 (NKJV)***

*Be merciful to those who doubt; **Jude 22***

*For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins. **Matthew 6:14-15***

*judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful.*

*Mercy triumphs over \_\_\_\_\_! **James 2:13***

*Key: Generosity, sensitivity, fallen, Justice, forgiveness, judgment*