

Mercy
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“But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead”
(Ephesians 2:4-5, NLT)

“But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and the livestock that were with him in the ark, and he sent a wind over the earth, and the waters receded”
(Genesis 8)

“You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives” (Genesis 50:20)

“My flesh and my heart may fail, But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever” (Psalm 73:26)

“The Faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease”
(Lamentations 3:22, NLT)

1. Mercy is a characteristic of God

“The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.” (Exodus 34:6, ESV)

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth” (John 1:14, ESV)

“I am in great distress. Let me fall into the hand of the Lord, for his mercy is very great, but do not let me fall into the hand of man” (1 Chronicles 21:13, ESV)

“Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity, and passing over transgression for the remnant of His inheritance? He does not retain His anger forever because He delights in steadfast love” (Micah 7:18, ESV)

“Though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus”
(1 Timothy 1:13-14, ESV)

2. God calls us to show mercy

The Good Samaritan Luke 10:25-37

3. When we show mercy, we will be blessed

“God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy”
(Matthew 5:7, NLT)

“Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life” (Jude 21, ESV).

“Mercy is not just mere sentiment, mercy is compassion in action.”
- Adrian Rogers

“But Joseph replied, “Don’t be afraid of me. Am I God, that I can punish you? You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people. No, don’t be afraid. I will continue to take care of you and your children.” So, he reassured them by speaking kindly to them” (Genesis 50:19-21, NLT)

4. Jesus’ greatest act of mercy was on the cross

“But, when God our Savior, revealed His kindness and love, He saved us not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit” (Titus 3:4-5, NLT)

“But God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners” (Romans 5:8, NLT)

“Our Savior kneels down and gazes upon the darkest acts of our lives but rather than recoil in horror, He reaches out in kindness and says, “I can clean that if you want.” And from the basin of His grace, He scoops a palm of mercy and washes away our sin.” -Max Lucado