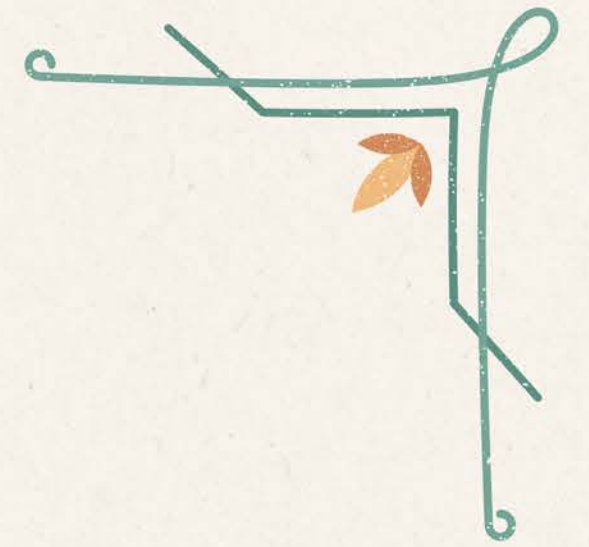
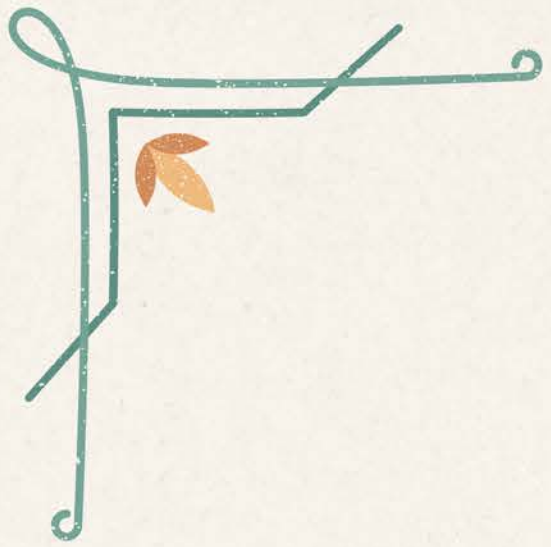




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THE GIFT OF MERCY  
LESSON FIVE







\* “THERE IS MORE  
MERCY IN CHRIST,  
THAN SIN IN US.”







SCRIPTURE  
LESSON



EPHESIANS  
2:1-7







And you were dead in your offenses and sins, in which you previously walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. Among them we too all previously lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just like the rest. But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our wrongdoings, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come He might show the boundless riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.



TWOFOLD  
PICTURE OF  
HUMANITY:

DIGNITY

DEPRAVITY







# THREE PULLS:

1. THE WORLD
  2. THE DEVIL
  3. THE FLESH
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# FOUR LEVELS OF GOD'S RICH MERCY:

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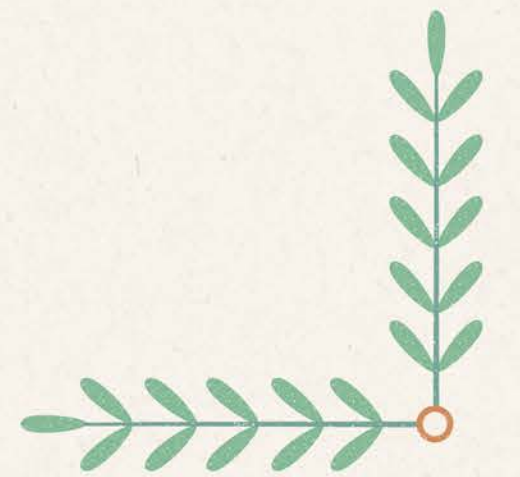


1. GENERAL MERCY
2. ENCOMPASSED MERCY
3. SURE MERCIES
4. GREAT MERCY





GRACE FOR THE  
GUILTY,  
MERCY FOR THE  
MISERABLE.







# PSALM 136:1

Oh, give thanks to the LORD,  
for He is good!  
For His mercy endures  
forever.





FOUR HINDRANCES  
TO RECEIVING  
THE  
GIFT OF MERCY:





# 1. SELF- CONDEMNATION









# HEBREWS

## 4:14-16

Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.





# 2. SELF- RIGHTEOUSNESS








# LUKE

## 18:10-14

Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a Publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

I tell you; this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalted himself shall be abased; and he that humbled himself shall be exalted.





# 3. FAILURE TO GIVE MERCY



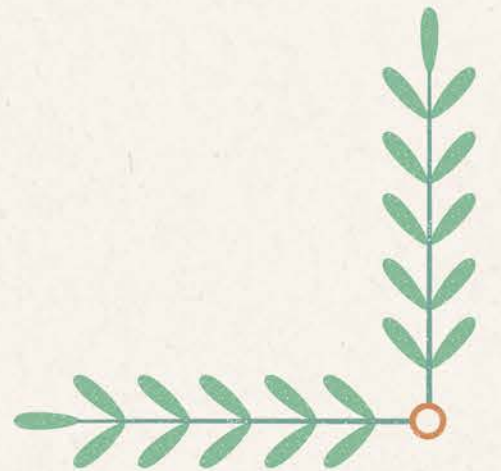




# LUKE 6:36



Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.







# MICAH

## 6:8

The LORD has told you what is good, and this is what He requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.





# 4. UNFORGIVENESS, BITTERNESS AND RESENTMENT

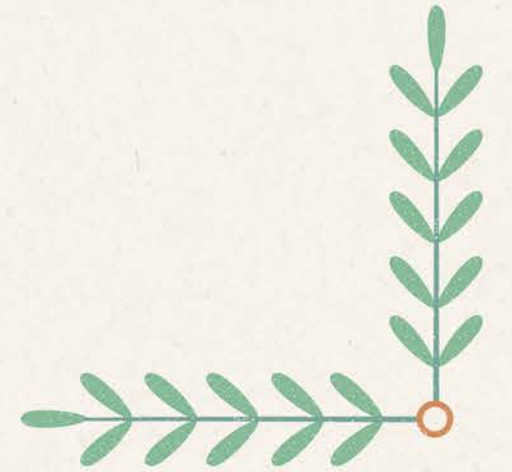






# PSALM 86:5

For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive,  
And abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.

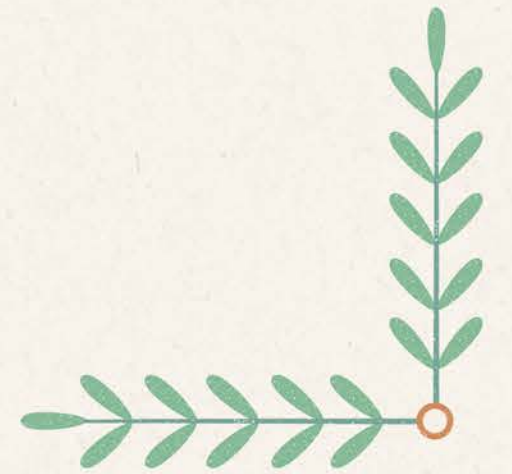






# PSALM 119:77

Let Your mercy come to me, that I may live.







# PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside  
the still waters. He restores my soul;  
He leads me in the paths of righteousness. For His name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil; For You are with me;  
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me. All the days of my life;  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

