



June Sermon Series:

# *A Changed Heart*



Blessed are the merciful, for they shall  
receive mercy.

*Matthew 5:7*

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MERCY is the ability to overlook an offense and give someone a second chance.

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# *A Bleeding Heart*



A “bleeding heart” refers to a person who cares deeply regarding the suffering of the needy. One who shows mercy and compassion.



# The Parable of the Good Samaritan

*Luke Chapter 10:25-37*

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But a Samaritan came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine.

*Luke 10:33-34*

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Which of these three proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers? The one who showed him mercy.

*Luke 10:37*

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# *Two Observations About Mercy:*

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1. Mercy is the Character of God.

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The Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

*Exodus 34:6*

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2. *Mercy is God's Calling to Us.*



The whole point of the Christian life is that the character of Jesus will be reproduced in all our lives.

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The Lord has told you what is good. This is what the Lord requires from you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to live humbly with your God.

*Micah 6:8*

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Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy,  
and not sacrifice'.

*Matthew 9:13*

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God always values “mercy” over “sacrifice”.

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No mercy will be shown to those who show no mercy to others. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

*James 2:13*

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# *Five Opportunities to Show*

*Mercy:*

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1. *We Show Mercy With Our Material Needs.*

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If anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?

*I John 3:17*



*“God sees hearts as we see faces.”*



"Mercy is getting down on your hands and knees and doing something to restore dignity to someone whose life has been broken by sin."

*-Sinclair Ferguson-*

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If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.

*James 4:17*



2. *We Show Mercy When Responding to the Sins of Others.*

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Love covers a multitude of sins.

*I Peter 4:8*

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“I recommend you, brothers and sisters,  
always to have one blind eye and one deaf  
ear.”

*-Charles Spurgeon-*

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3. *We Show Mercy To Those Who  
Receive Slanderous Gossip.*

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Whatever is true, whatever is honorable,  
whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is  
lovely, whatever is commendable... think about  
these things.”

*Philippians 4:8*

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A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, Loving favor rather than silver and gold.

*Proverbs 22:1*

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“It is better to take away a man’s life than his name. It is an irreparable injury.”

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4. *We Show Mercy when Others Fail to Reach Unreasonable Expectations.*

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God knows our frame; He remembers that we  
are dust.

*Psalm 103:14*

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5. *We Show Mercy To Those Who  
Offend Us.*

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Be kind to one another, tenderhearted,  
forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave  
you.

*Ephesians 4:32*

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"Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous, not returning evil for evil..."

*I Peter 3:8-9*



*Make mercy your “default” position.*

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*Learn to live life with a bleeding  
heart!*