

The GOOD LIFE

The Merciful

Matthew 5:7

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Mercy means _____ what you deserve.

Two dimensions of mercy:

1. Mercy demonstrates _____ toward the hurting.

*"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

2. Mercy extends _____ toward those who have hurt us.

*"Shouldn't you have had **mercy** on your
fellow servant just as I had on you?"*

Matthew 18:33

A _____ person is a forgiving person.

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forgiving each other, just as in Christ God **forgave** you."*

Ephesians 4:32

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Questions from Sermon on February 1, 2026

Getting to Know Me

1. What stood out to you from this message on mercy?
2. Share about a time when you experienced mercy, compassion or forgiveness, and what made that moment meaningful?
3. As you think about mercy and forgiveness, what questions, challenges or encouragement does this topic raise for you?

Digging Deeper

4. Pastor Phil described two dimensions of mercy. How did you hear those described, and why do you think scripture holds both together?
5. Read Micah 6:8. What do you think is the difference between simply *showing* mercy and *loving* mercy? How does 'loving mercy' shape the way we relate to others?
6. Read Matthew 18:21-35 slowly. As you hear this story, what moment, word or detail grabs your attention most, and why?
7. How does Ephesians 4:32 echo Jesus' teachings on forgiveness?

8. What do these verses suggest about the relationship between forgiving others and receiving God's forgiveness? And how do these challenge you?

- Matthew 6:12, 14-15

- Luke 6:37

- Mark 11:25

- Luke 17:3-4

Making it Personal

9. When you think about mercy, which feels more difficult: showing compassion to the hurting or forgiving those who have hurt you? Why?
10. What tends to show up in your thoughts, emotions, or behavior when forgiveness is still unfinished in your life?
11. If "*mercy triumphs over judgment*" (James 2:13), Where might God be gently inviting you to loosen your grip on judgment and, instead, show mercy?

Prayer

As we pray, if a person or situation comes to mind, simply hold it before the Lord. Ask him to take it from you. Let's pray:

"Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors."

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