

THE FRAGRANCE OF MERCY

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Grace is getting what we don't deserve. Mercy is *not* getting what we rightly deserve.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy." **Matthew 5:7**

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." **Luke 6:36**

BIG IDEA: God's family is merciful toward others because they've received his great mercy.

"Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." **Mark 5:19**

"Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant JUST AS I had on you?" **Matthew 18:33**

"Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise." **Luke 10:36-37** ESV

"Simon, do you love me." **John 21:15-17**

A Study In Mercy: John 8:2-11)

¹ **Mercy SLOWS IT DOWN.**

"Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry..." **James 1:19**

² **Mercy challenges JUDGMENTAL THINKING.** (Mt. 7:2)

³ **Mercy sees a PERSON, not an offense.** (Mt. 12:11-12)

⁴ **Mercy acknowledges the OFFENSE is valid.** (Rom. 3:23)

⁵ **Mercy WITHHOLDS judgment, nonetheless.**

"judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment." **James 2:13** (2 Cor. 5:18-19)

⁶ **Mercy may challenge our DIRECTION.** (Mk. 10:21)

⁷ **Mercy is GENTLE.**

"wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere." **James 3:17** ESV

⁸ **Mercy resides in the GIVER, not the RECEIVER.**

"Be careful that none of you fails to respond to the grace which God gives, for if he does there can very easily spring up in him a bitter spirit which is not only bad in itself but can also poison the lives of many others." **Hebrews 12:15** JBP (1 Jn. 4:19)