

The Miracle Of Mercy: 1 of 8
“It’s A New Day Of Mercy”
Cornerstone Church of Poway
Pastor Ed Turley
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“In **His great mercy** He has given us new birth into a **living hope** through the **resurrection** of Jesus Christ from the dead.” **1 Peter 1:3b (NIV)**

“Because of God’s tender **mercy**, the morning light from heaven is about to break upon us.” **Luke 1:78 (NLT2)**

“John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who **takes away** the sin of the world!” **John 1:29 (NIV)**

Big Idea: To Value God’s Mercy, I Must Understand The Cost Of The Cross

To Value God’s Mercy:

1. I Need To Understand God’s Patience Is Not The Same As _____

“You, therefore, have no excuse, you who **pass judgment** on someone else, for at whatever point you judge the other, you are **condemning yourself**, because you who pass judgment **do the same things**. Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is **based on truth**. So when you, a mere man, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment? Or do you show contempt for the riches of **His kindness, tolerance and patience**, not realizing that God's kindness **leads** you toward **repentance**?”

Romans 2:1-4 (NIV)

“At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around Him, and He sat down to teach them. The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her **stand** before the group and said to Jesus, “Teacher, this woman was **caught** in the act of adultery. In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. **Now what do you say?**” They were using this question as a **trap**, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to **write** on the ground with His finger.”

John 8:2-6 (NIV)

“When they kept on questioning Him, He straightened up and said to them, “If any one of you is **without sin**, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.” Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the **older ones first**, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” “No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I **condemn** you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and **leave** your life of sin.” **John 8:7-11 (NIV)**

Notes: _____

2. I Need To Understand God's Justice Requires The _____

"For God presented Jesus as the **sacrifice** for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed His life, shedding his blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when He held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past, for He was looking ahead and **including** them in what he would do in this present time. God did this to demonstrate His **righteousness**, for He Himself is **fair and just**, and He declares sinners to be right in His sight **when** they believe in Jesus." **Romans 3:25-26 (NLT2)**

**Jesus said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit."
John 19:30 (NASB)**

Notes: _____

3. I Must Personally Accept Jesus As _____

You were **dead** because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you **alive** with Christ, for **He forgave all our sins**. He **canceled** the record of the charges against us and took it away by **nailing** it to the cross." **Colossians 2:13-14 (NLT2) Remember Verse**

"If you **confess** with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and **believe** in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." **Romans 10:9 (NLT2)**

Notes: _____

➤ How will I respond to God's mercy?

Sample prayer:

Dear Jesus, I want to experience your mercy today. I believe You died on the cross to pay the price for my sins. I admit I'm a sinner and I need you to save me. Save me not only from an eternity without you, but also save me from the sins and habits that are messing up my life right now. I invite you to come into my life as my Lord and Savior. Thank you, Amen

My Next Right Step I Will Receive God's Mercy By:

- [] Accepting Jesus as my Lord and Savior
- [] Attending Tuesday's small group at 6 pm
- [] Attending lunch with the Pastor April 28
- [] Being baptized as a believer May 19

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[This is only a guide – select the points you want to discuss.]

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Icebreaker: Where have you experienced mercy?

Family Corner: [Choose one day this week to ask questions to go deeper in faith as a family. Try this over dinner. Keep it to 12 minutes or less.]

Read Romans 2:1-4

- What are some things that people do that bother me? Have I ever done something similar?
- Do I ever use someone else’s sins to make me look better?
- What does it mean that God’s judgement is based on truth?
- On a scale of 1 to 100, how kind, tolerant, and patient has God been with me?
- How often do I treat God’s mercy lightly? Rarely 1-2-3-4-5 Often

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To Value God’s Mercy:

1. I Need To Understand God’s Patience Is Not The Same As Approval

Read John 8:2-6

When was a time I was caught doing something? How did I deal with it?

If the woman was caught in the act, where was the man in this story?

How were the Pharisees trying to trap Jesus?

Read John 8:7-11

What do you think Jesus was writing in the dirt?

If you were there, could you have cast a stone?

Why do you think the older ones left first?

There is no question that the woman was guilty, but what would it mean if she was condemned?

What did Jesus tell her?

Is there something you need to leave behind?

2. I Need To Understand God's Justice Requires The Full Payment For Sin Read Romans 3:25-26

Why couldn't God just overlook our sins forever?

How does Jesus taking the punishment for all our sins make God fair and just?

What does it mean that Jesus sacrificed His life for you?

Read Titus 3:5

How does God save us?

3. I Must Personally Accept Jesus As My Lord And Savior Read Colossians 2:13-14

How many of your sins were nailed to the cross?

What does that mean for you?

Read Romans 10:9

What does it mean to confess Jesus as Lord?

When did you invite Jesus to come into your life as Savior and Lord?

What is my understanding of God's mercy?

Prayer requests:

If you would like to accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior, here is a sample prayer:

Dear Jesus, I want to experience your mercy today. I believe You died on the cross to pay the price for my sins. I admit I'm a sinner and I need you to save me. Save me not only from an eternity without you, but also save me from the sins and habits that are messing up my life right now. I invite you to come into my life as my Lord and Savior. Thank you, Amen