

**Miracle Of Mercy: 4 of 8**  
**“Showing Mercy To My Family”**  
**Cornerstone Church of Poway**  
**Pastor Ed Turley**  
**May 12, 2019**

“But if you refuse to serve the LORD, then choose today whom you will serve. But as for me and my family, we will serve the LORD.” **Joshua 24:15 (NLT)**

“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 2:13b-14 (NLT2) Remember Verse**

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

**I Can Show Mercy At Home:**

**1. By Overlooking \_\_\_\_\_**

“Love is **patient** and **kind**. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable...” **1 Corinthians 13:4-5a (NLT2)**

“Love the LORD your God with **all your heart** and with all **your soul** and with all **your strength**. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon **your hearts**. **Impress** them on your children. Talk about them when you **sit** at home and when you **walk** along the road, when you **lie** down and when you get up.”

**Deuteronomy 6:5-7 (NIV)**

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**2. By Letting Go Of \_\_\_\_\_**

“[Love] keeps **no record** of wrongs.” **1 Corinthians 13:5b (NIV)**

“Love prospers when a fault is forgiven, but dwelling on it separates close friends.”  
**Proverbs 17:9 (NLT2)**

“Make allowance for each other’s faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony.”

**Colossians 3:13-14 (NLT2)**

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### 3. By Believing God Is \_\_\_\_\_

“Love never stops being patient, never stops believing, never stops hoping, never gives up.” **1 Corinthians 13:7 (GW)**

“I will never forget this awful time, as I grieve over my loss. Yet I still dare to hope when I remember this: The faithful love of the LORD never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is His faithfulness; His mercies begin afresh each morning.”

**Lamentations 3:20-23 (NLT2)**

“Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.”

**Romans 12:10 (NLT2)**

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#### ➤ How can I demonstrate mercy this week?

**My next right step, I will demonstrate mercy by:**

- Being patient, knowing God is working in their lives
- Writing an encouraging note to a family member
- Accepting Jesus as my Lord and Savior
- Going public with my faith in Believer's Baptism May 19

#### **Happy Mother's Day!**

“She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future. When she speaks, her words are wise, and she gives instructions with kindness.”

**Proverbs 31:25-26 (NLT2)**

Her children stand and bless her. Her husband praises her: “There are many virtuous and capable women in the world, but you surpass them all!”

**Proverbs 31:28-29 (NLT2)**

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

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**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 Joshua 24:15**

God had rescued the Israelites out of Egypt and led them to the promise land, but because of their stubbornness and disbelief, God had them wander in the desert for 40 years. Now that they are about to enter the Promise land for the second time there is questioning whether God will protect and provide for them.

How did God provide and protect them in the desert?

How has God provided and protected us?

Most of us may not be tempted to serve a false god, but what are some things we give more time and resources to than we should?

How can we, as a family, make God more of a priority weekly? Monthly?

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**I Can Show Mercy At Home:**

**1. By Overlooking Irritations and Offenses**

**Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-5a**

How does Paul contrast what love is and what love isn’t?

What do I need to improve in?

How patient am I with my family?

### **Read Deuteronomy 6:5-7**

What is the first step in helping our kids love God with ALL their heart, soul and strength?

How can little conversations of faith throughout the day be more of an impact on our family than one big conversation?

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## **2. By Letting Go Of Past Hurts**

### **Read 1 Corinthians 13:5b**

Is it possible to forgive without forgetting? Why or why not?

What does it mean to keep no record of wrongs?

### **Read Proverbs 17:9**

What truth is this verse bringing to light?

### **Read Colossians 3:13-14**

What does it mean to make allowance for each other's faults?

How has God demonstrated giving me room in my walk of faith?

Why should I forgive others?

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## **3. By Believing God Is Working In Their Lives**

### **Read 1 Corinthians 13:7**

How can I demonstrate that I believe in each family member?

Love never stops being patient, never stops believing, never stops hoping, never gives up."

### **Read Lamentations 3:20-23**

How have I experienced God's faithfulness and mercies?

### **Read Romans 12:10**

How can I honor a family member this week?

**Close in Prayer: Start praying. Be bold and pray specifically.**

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