

“MERCY; GOD’S POWER IN MY WEAKNESS”

GOD IS MERCIFUL: (2Cor. 12:9-10)

- What is mercy? It refers to a deep love, often of a superior to an inferior, rooted in some natural bond. It is the outward demonstration of compassion and pity on someone. Mercy assumes need on the part of him who receives it, and resources adequate to meet the need on the part of him who shows it. It signifies in general to feel sympathy with the misery of other, especially sympathy in act. Active compassion. It is used of God and His deep and tender love for His people.
- God is a merciful God (Exodus 34:6a; Lam. 3:22-23; Lk. 1:78; Eph. 2:4-5; Tit 3:5).
 - God identifies with your pain, weaknesses and struggles.
 - Jesus fully experienced being human (Heb. 2:16-18).
 - God wants to help us and heal us (Ps. 34:17-19; 147:3; Is. 61:1).
 - Do you believe this? Is this how you relate to God?
 - Is your picture of God distant, uncaring, angry or just neutral?

WHY IS GOD MERCIFUL TO US?

- We have not earned it or deserved it in any way ... nor can we!
- It is part of the DNA of who He is.
- He created us, and created us in His image
- We are like His own children and He calls Himself our Father (Ps. 103:13).
- He knows the damage sin has done to us.

HOW TO RECEIVE AND EXPERIENCE GOD’S MERCY:

- Admit your weaknesses and needs, to yourself, to God and to others.
Humble yourself (Heb. 4:14-16).
 - If you cannot see your need or your weaknesses, how can God help you?
 - “Life’s Healing Choices” page 22.

- Honestly face the sin issues in your life (Ps. 41:4; 51; Prov. 28:13; Is. 55:7; Joel. 2:13).
 - Confess your sin to God and to others.
 - Turn away from your sin and turn to God. He will show you mercy!
 - Break out of your denial.
 - Denial – Ignoring the pain & while continuing to believe I can handle my problems
 - Pain is God’s antidote for denial!
 - You are only fooling yourself, not God.
- Be ready for God’s answer to your cry for help.
 - Don’t try to tell God what His mercy should look like.

MERCIES BEGIN AFRESH EACH MORNING:

- God’s help, compassion and healing (His mercies) are available every day.
 - Do you see your need every day?
 - Can you admit your need every day?
 - Will you ask for His mercy every day?
 - God wants to give you His mercy every day!!!