

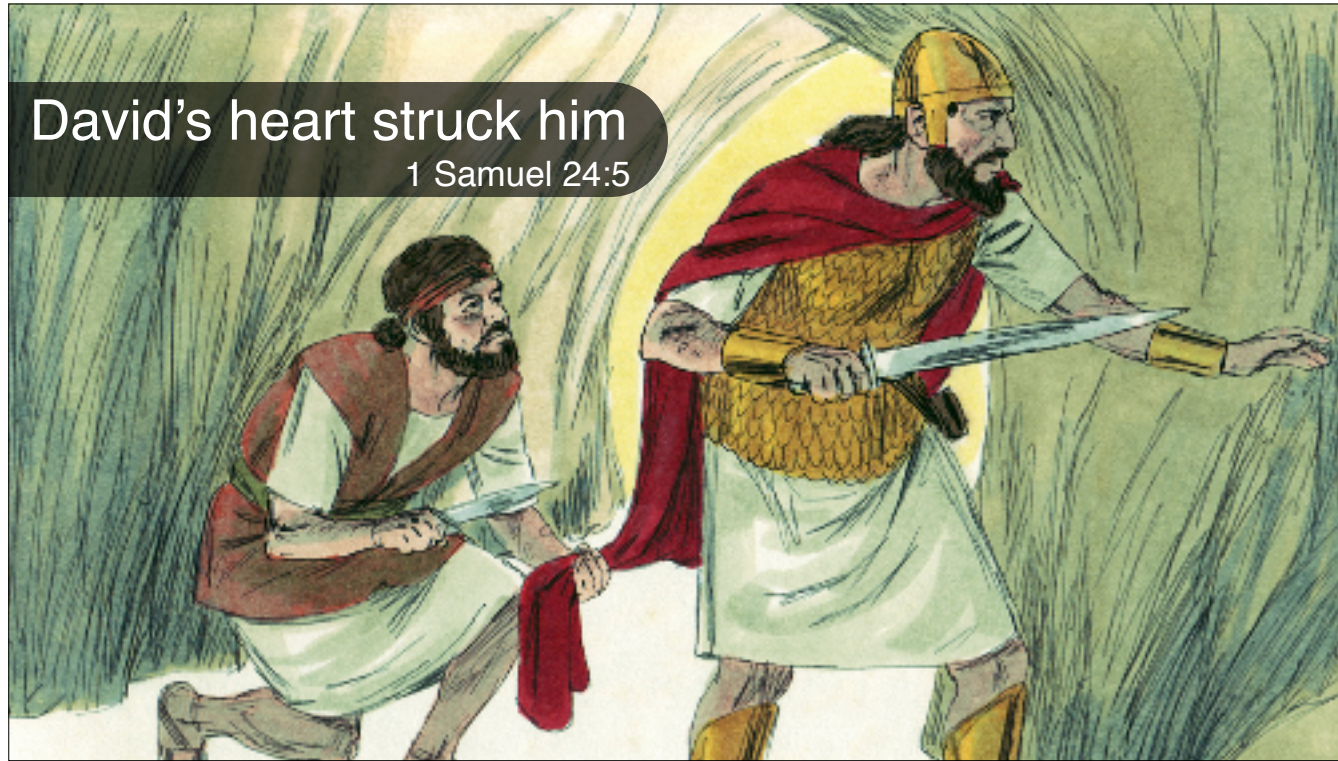
The Blessed Life  
**Merciful**  
Matthew 5:7

Are You Merciful?

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## David's heart struck him

1 Samuel 24:5



- 1 Samuel 24:4: And the men of David said to him, “Here is the day of which the Lord said to you, ‘Behold, I will give your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it shall seem good to you.’” Then David arose and stealthily cut off a corner of Saul's robe.
- 1 Samuel 24:5: And afterward David's heart struck him, because he had cut off a corner of Saul's robe.
- 1 Samuel 24:6: He said to his men, “The Lord forbid that I should do this thing to my lord, the Lord's anointed, to put out my hand against him, seeing he is the Lord's anointed.”



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for they shall obtain mercy.

Merciful

**"blessed"**

> Happy

**= Approved by God**



Much deeper meaning: approved by God and therefore favored by God; we are to be congratulated. Applause of heaven (Lucado)



Merciful





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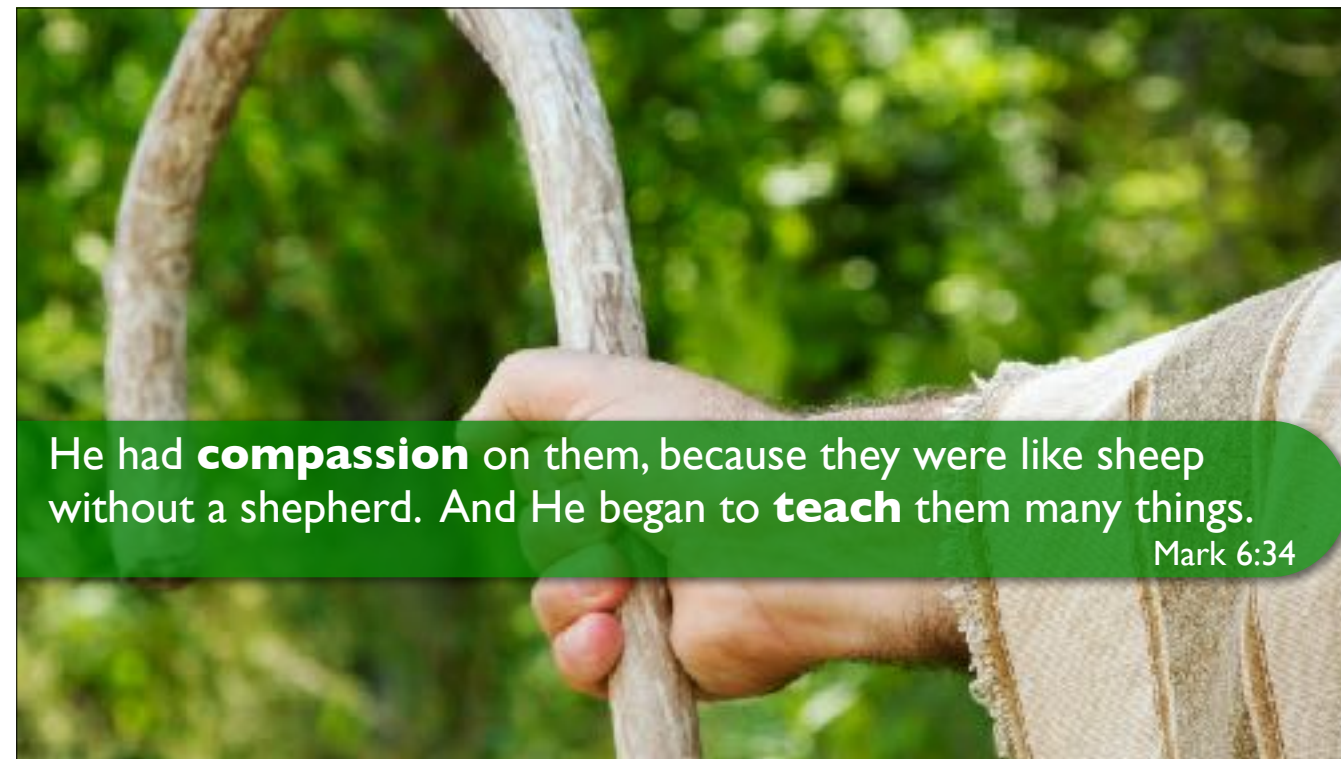


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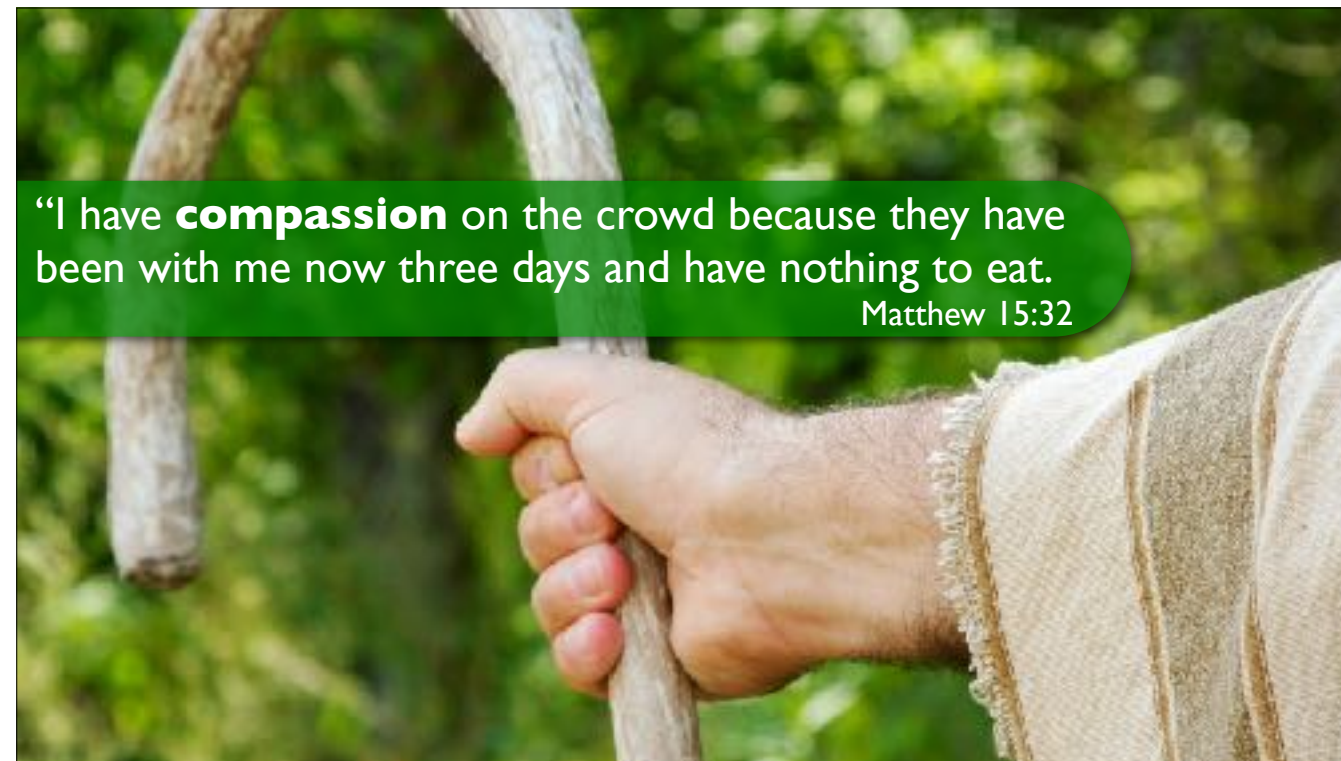




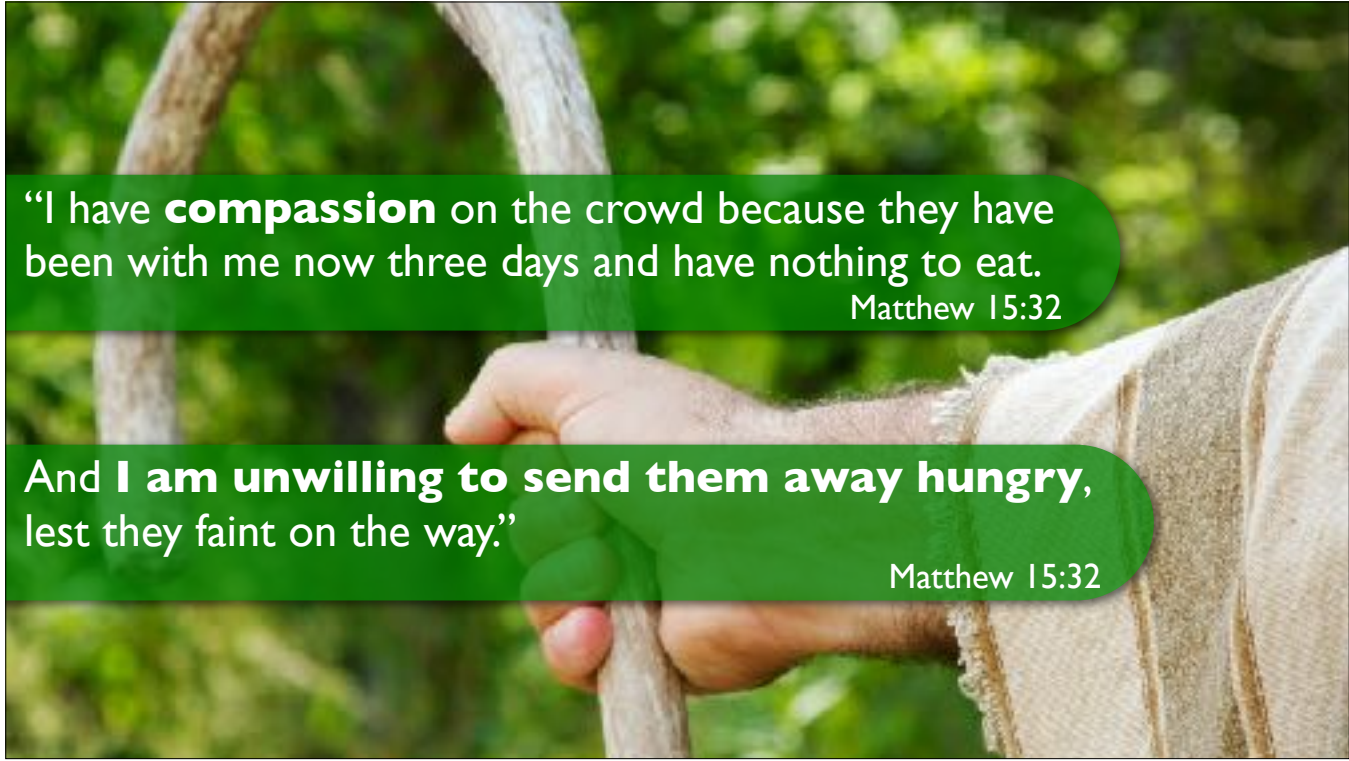
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Mark 6:34: When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things.



Matthew 15:32: Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “I have compassion on the crowd because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. And I am unwilling to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way.”

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a wooden staff, with a green text overlay. The background is a blurred green, suggesting foliage. The hand is wearing a light-colored, textured garment. The text is white and bold, with the word "compassion" in bold.

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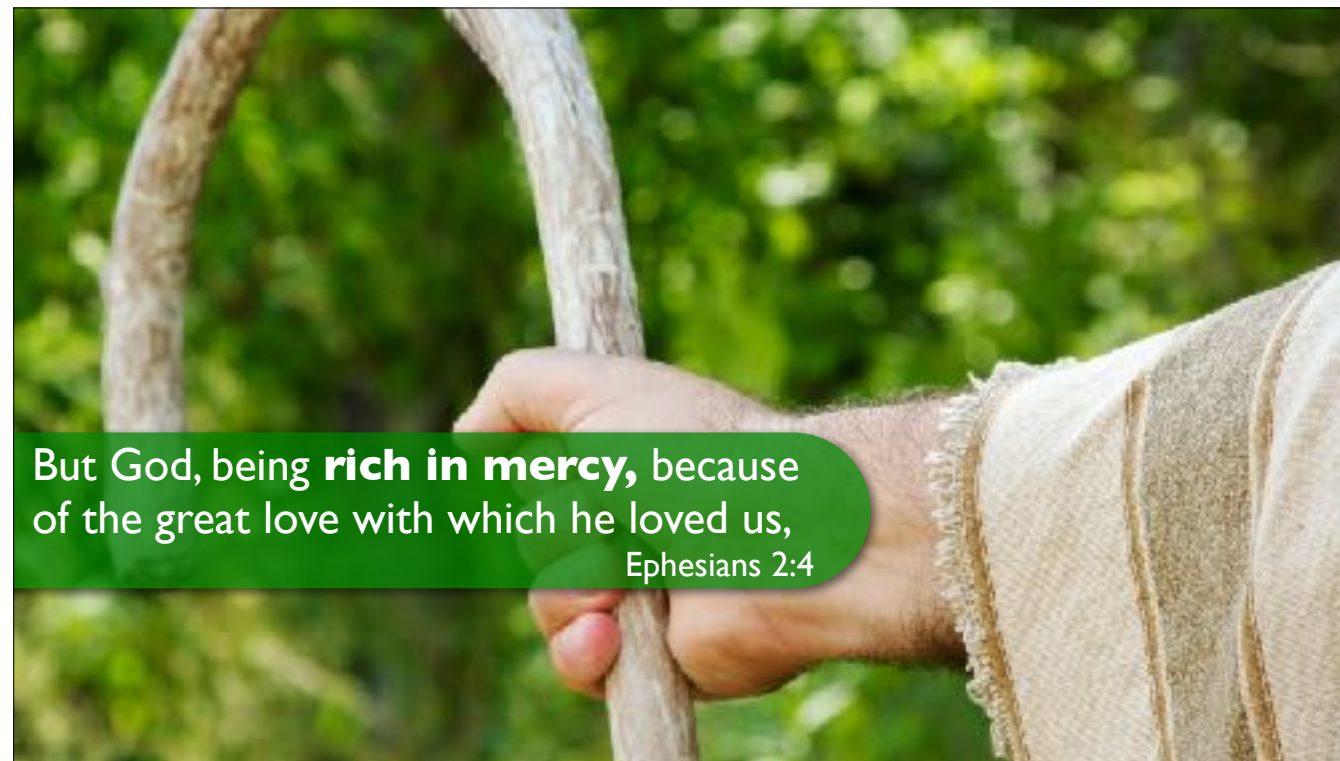
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Hebrews 2:14-18: Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.



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Hebrews 8:12: For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.”



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Jesus showed mercy to those who were suffering physically. And, more importantly, to those who suffered spiritually: teaching, salvation.

Next: parable of good samaritan: Luke 10.30-37





Luke 10.30-37: Good Samaritan



30 Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead.





31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side.

We don't know what he was thinking, but we know what he did. NOTHING!



32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side

We don't know what he was thinking, but we know what he did. NOTHING!



33 But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. 34 He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.'





Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?

Luke 10:36

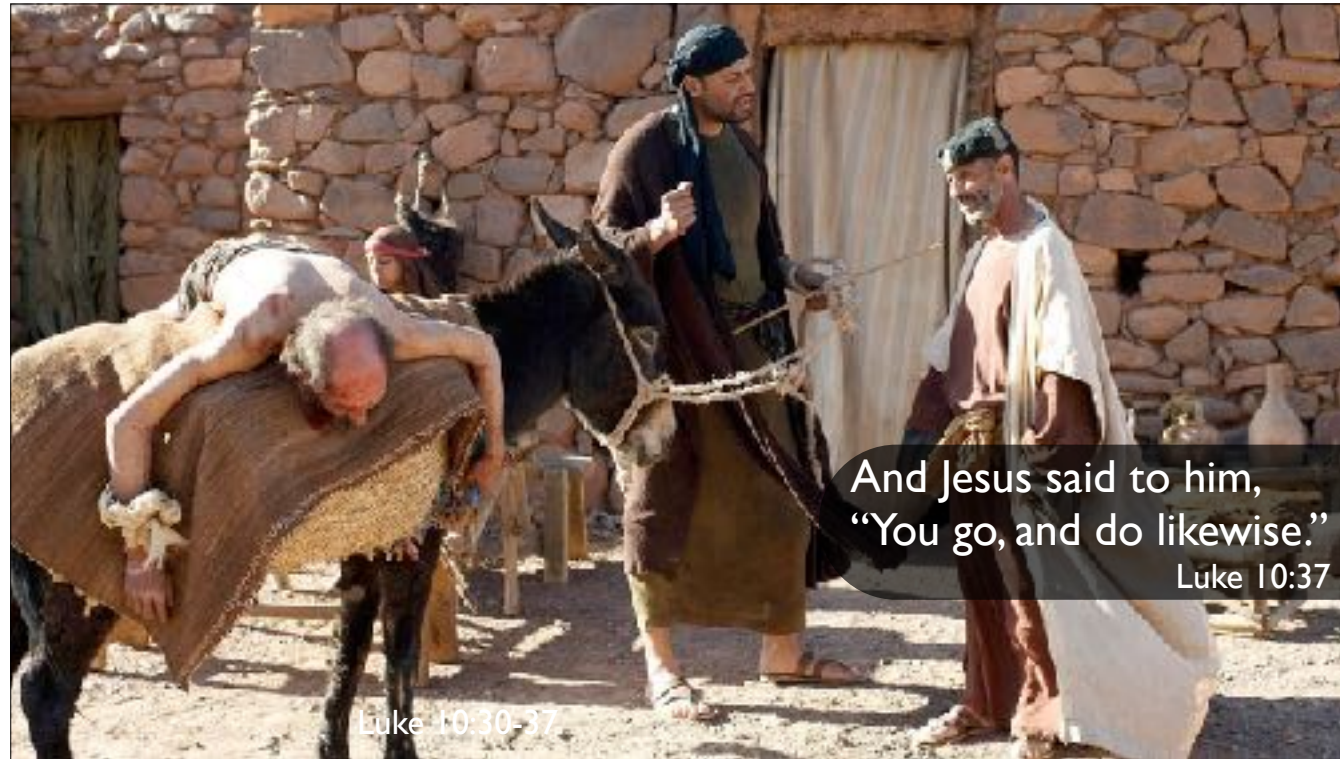
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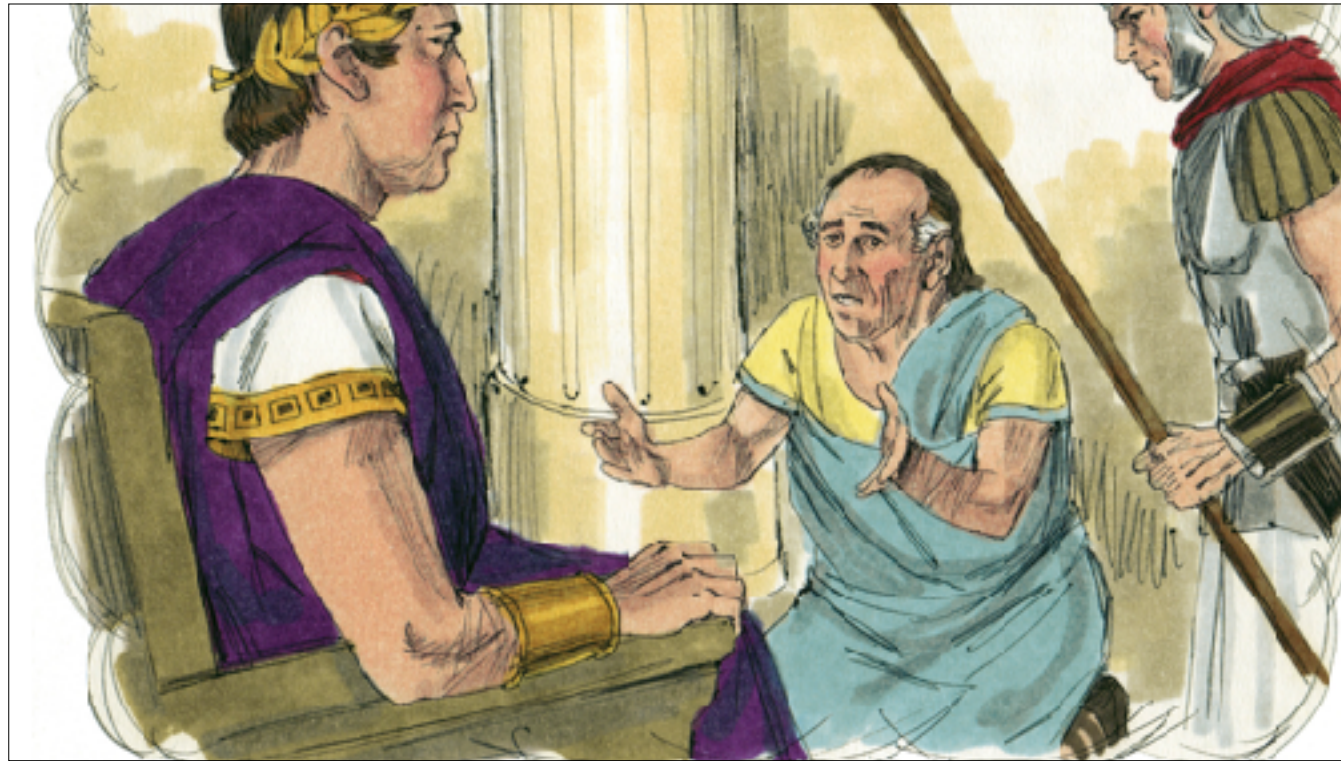
He said, "The one who showed him mercy."





And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

Mercy requires ACTION!



Matthew 18.21-35

Man who owes much to master

Begs, offers to pay.

Master is merciful.



Matthew 18.21-35

Servant accosts another servant who owes him, requires payment.

Begs, offers to pay.

First servant is not merciful.





Master recalls first servant and reprimands him.

Matthew 18:33: And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’



How do I treat those who mistreat me?

Righteous indignation? Accusation? Revile? Gossip? Silent recrimination?

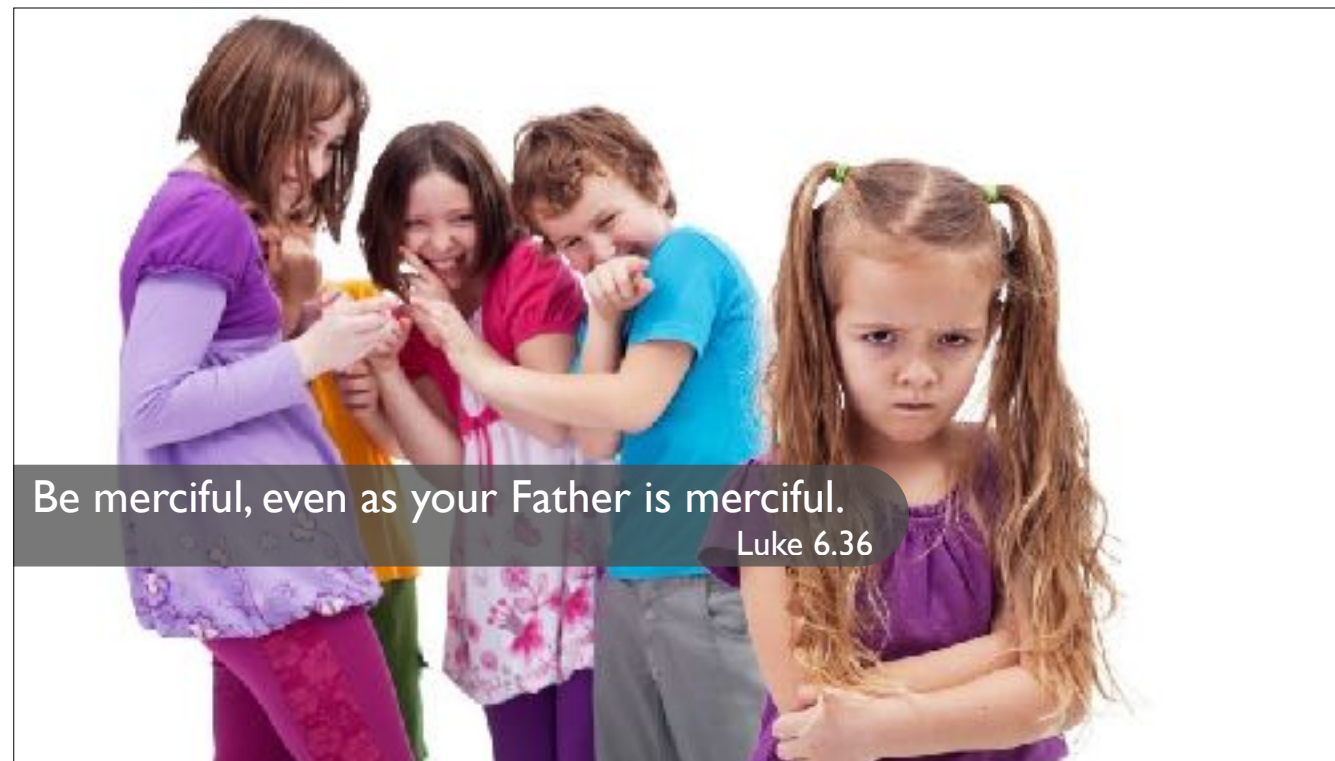
When someone sins against me? Disagrees with me? Does something I don't like? Does something differently than I think they should?





Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.  
Luke 6.36

Luke 6:35-36: But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.



How do I treat those who are evil and ungrateful?

Love, Prayer, Kindness, Mercy?

Judgment, Disdain, Accusation, Gossip?

my hand shall not be against you

1 Samuel 24:12, 13



- 1 Samuel 24:10-11: Behold, this day your eyes have seen how the Lord gave you today into my hand in the cave. And some told me to kill you, but I spared you. I said, 'I will not put out my hand against my lord, for he is the Lord's anointed.' 11 See, my father, see the corner of your robe in my hand. For by the fact that I cut off the corner of your robe and did not kill you, you may know and see that there is no wrong or treason in my hands. I have not sinned against you, though you hunt my life to take it.
- 1 Samuel 24:12-13: May the Lord judge between me and you, may the Lord avenge me against you, **but my hand shall not be against you.** 13 As the proverb of the ancients says, 'Out of the wicked comes wickedness.' **But my hand shall not be against you.**





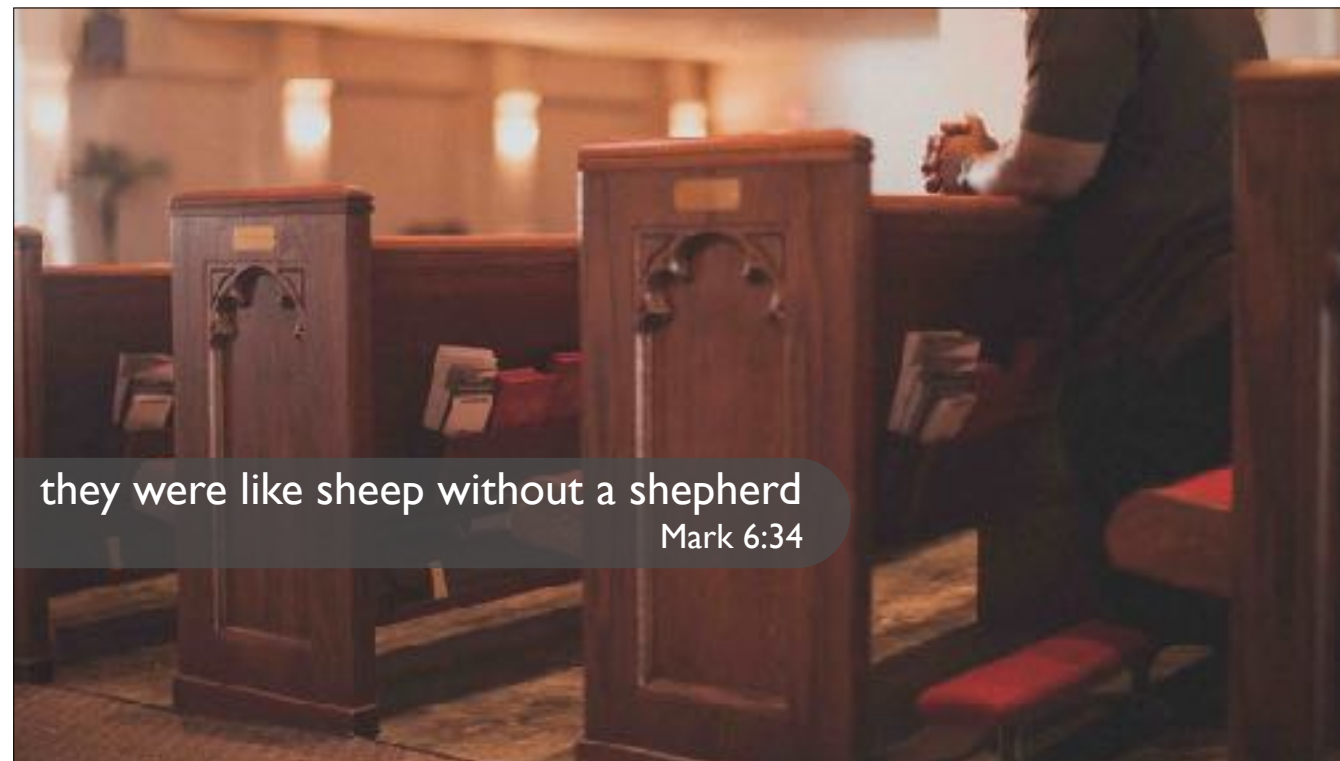
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Romans 12:8

Romans 12:8: the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Enjoy being merciful!

Don't begrudge it; regret it; or help while disapproving.

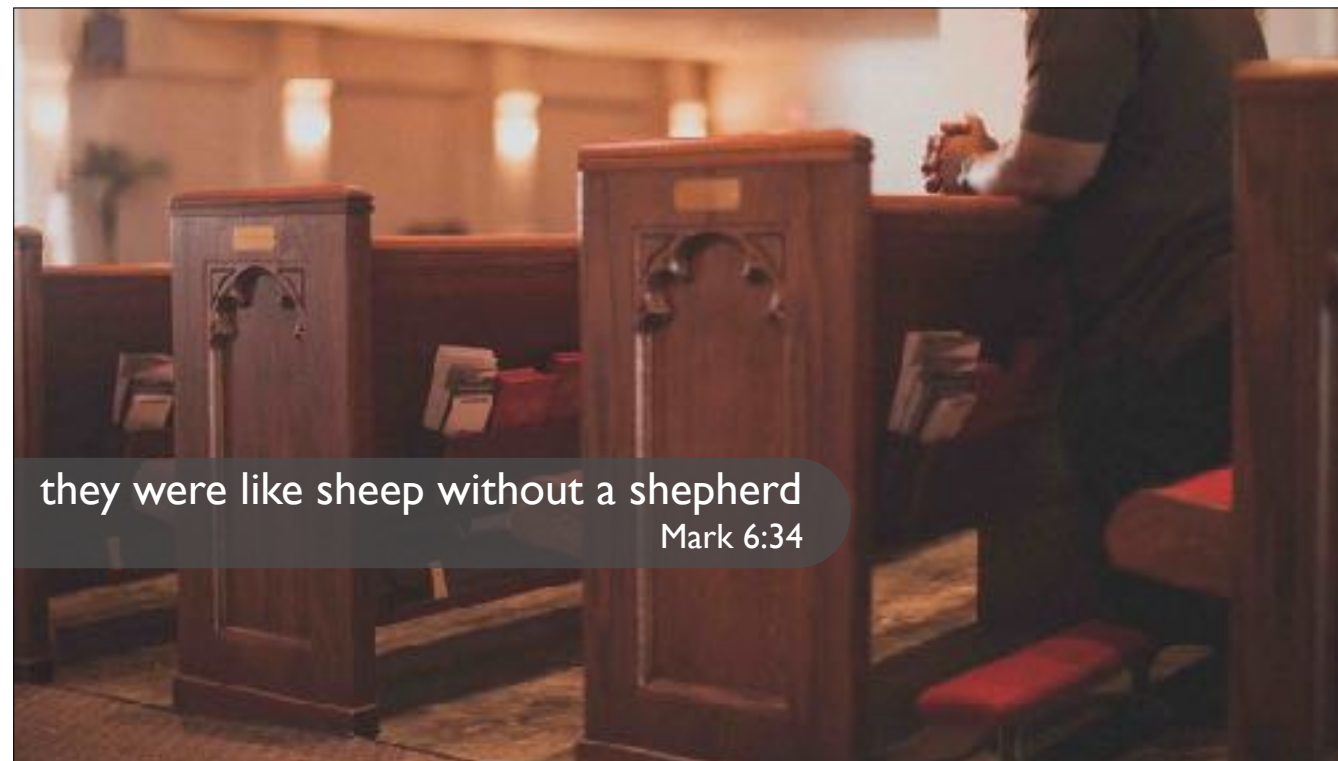




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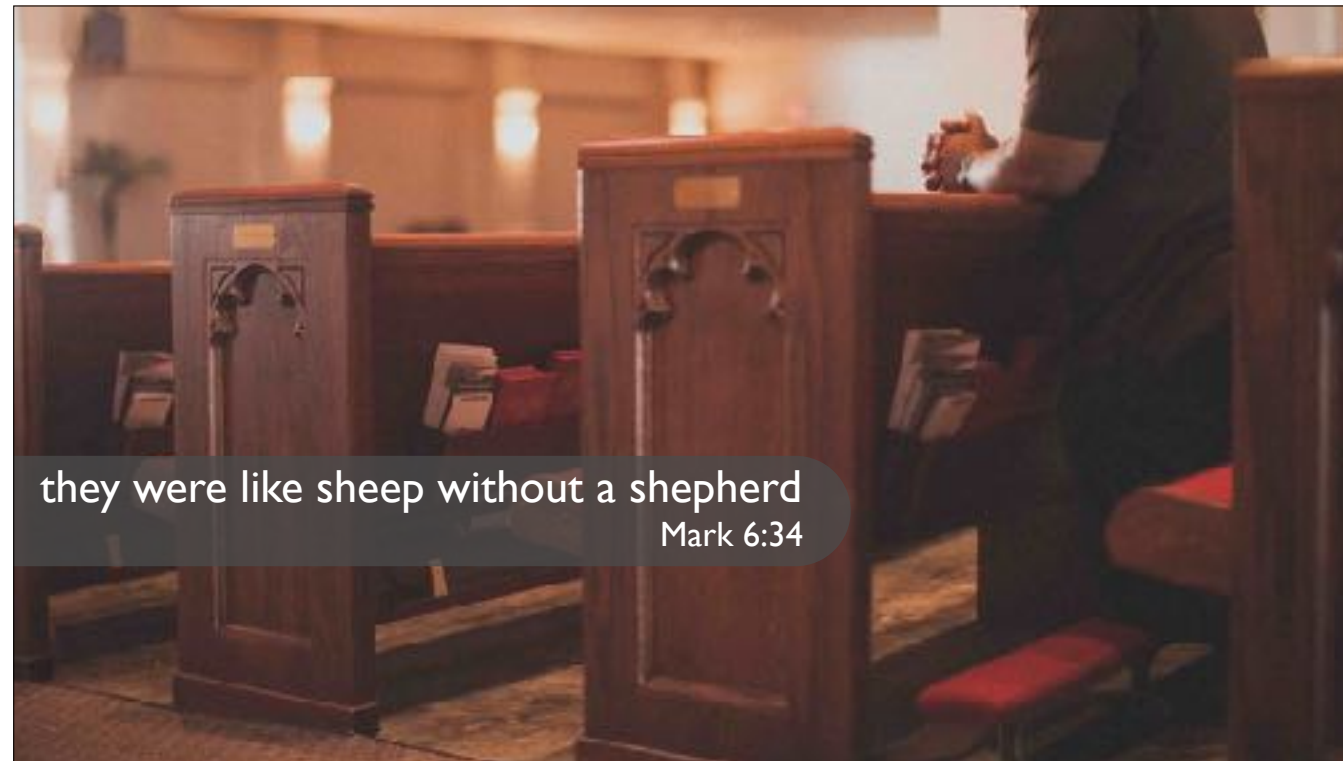
Jesus' mercy was also about those who suffered spiritually!



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Evangelism, in part, should be motivated by mercy: compassion for those in sin and helping them to be saved by teaching them the gospel.

So many people are being misled by false teachers: should we not be merciful to them and teach them the truth that will save their souls.



they were like sheep without a shepherd  
Mark 6:34

Good Samaritan: Which one proved to be His neighbor? One who showed mercy! Go, do likewise.

Will you be a good neighbor to those who have been spiritually beaten and robbed?

Or will you pass on by?

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Jude 1:21-23

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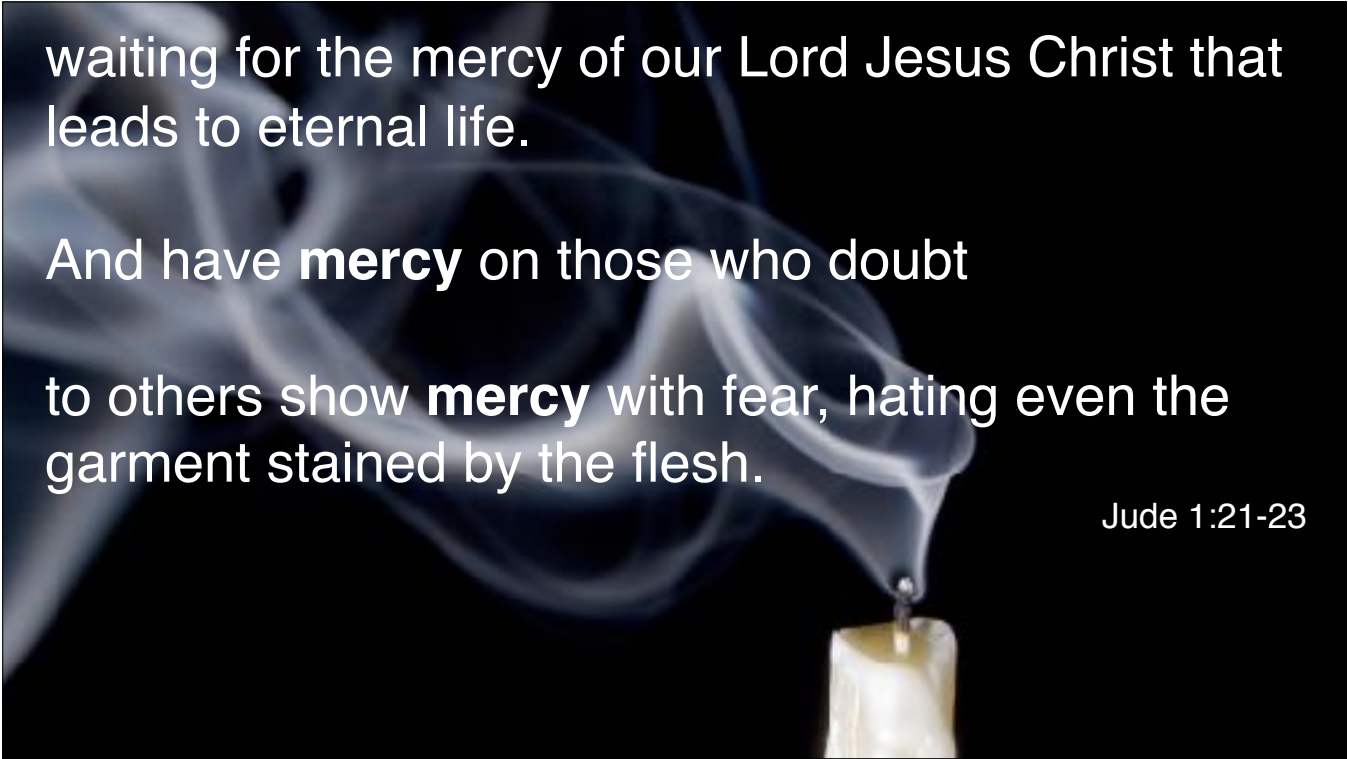


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And have **mercy** on those who doubt

Jude 1:21-23

- 22 And have mercy on those who doubt;
  - Weak in faith (Peter on water, wind)
  - Suffering (Job)
  - Lack knowledge (Rom. 14)



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Jude 1:21-23

- 23 save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.
  - Sin...
  - Tend to disappointment, smh, judgment, condemnation (depending on the gravity of the sin), even hatred
  - Was Jesus merciful to those in sin?
    - Yes ... Adulterous woman
    - Yes ... for me!
    - Yes ... Pharisees — teaching to change their heart (hard hearts)
  - Jude writing about (18-19): scoffers, ungodly passions, cause division, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit
- Mercy!!!



- James 2:13: For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.
  - Choose mercy
  - Jesus will be merciful to us



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Physical needs

Spiritual too.



**We implore you on  
behalf of Christ,  
be reconciled to God.**

**2 Corinthians 5:20**

Let all that you do be done in love.

1 Corinthians 16:14



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Synopsis: Mercy has two necessary components: compassion and action to alleviate the suffering. In this lesson, we'll see Jesus' mercy and learn his instruction about mercy through two of his parables.

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