**UNDERSTANDING MERCY**

**“Forgiveness”**

**Message Outline**

*“Forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us.”*

Matthew 6:12 (NLT)

MERCY: undeserved forgiveness & unearned kindness

1. **MERCY MEANS \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to forgive me.**

*“You are a God of forgiveness, always ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to become angry, and full of love and mercy.”* Nehemiah 9:17b (LB)

*“You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.”*

Micah 7:18b (NIV)

**God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ forgives me.**

*“All of us have sinned . . . yet now God declares us ‘not guilty’ of offending him if we trust in Jesus Christ, who freely takes away our sins.”* Romans 3:23-24 (LB)

*“Who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins”*

Colossians 1:14 (NLT)

**God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ forgives me.**

*“God is merciful and quick to forgive.”* Isaiah 55:7b (GNB)

**God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ forgives me.**

*“. . . God forgave all our sins. He cancelled the record that contained the charges against us. He took it and destroyed it by nailing it to Christ’s cross.”* Colossians 2:13-14 (NLT)

*“You will have mercy on us again; you will conquer our sins. You will throw away all our sins into the deepest part of the sea.”*

Micah 7:19 (NCV)

*“Mercy triumphs over judgment!”* James 2:13 (NIV)

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**QUIZ**

**A person should not be forgiven until he or she asks for it. T F**

**You haven’t really forgiven until you’ve forgotten the offence.**

**T F**

**Forgiving includes minimizing the offense & the pain caused. T F**

**Forgiveness includes restoring trust & reuniting a relationship.**

**T F**

**When I see someone hurt, it is my duty to forgive the offender. T F**

**Forgiveness is not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

*“Forgive one another as quickly and thoroughly as God in Christ forgave you.”* Ephesians 4:32b (MSG)

**Forgiveness is not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

*“Alexander the metalworker did me a great deal of harm. The Lord will repay him for what he has done. You too should be on your guard against him, because he strongly opposed our message.”*

2 Timothy 4:14-15 (NIV)

**Forgiveness is not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Forgiveness IS \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

*“Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.”* Colossians 3:13b(NLT)