



Sermon Notes

Season of Healing
January 15, 2023

There is healing in receiving mercy.

Mercy brings healing through restored hope.

1 Peter 1:3

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

Exodus 33:19

¹⁹ And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.

Psalms 145:8-9

⁸ The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

⁹ The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.

To be merciful means to be full of compassion. And that is God's character.

Compassion: feeling with someone; sharing their feelings; sharing their hurts; empathy.

Mercy: God's choice to not give us what we deserve.

Psalms 103:8-10

*⁸ The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.*

*⁹ He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbor his anger forever;*

*¹⁰ he does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.*

God does not repay us according to our bad choices!



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John 8:2-11

² At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. ³ The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group ⁴ and said to Jesus, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. ⁵ In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?” ⁶ 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. ⁷ When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” ⁸ Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

⁹ 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. ¹⁰ Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”

¹¹ “No one, sir,” she said.

“Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”

Jesus did not overlook the woman’s sin.

Leviticus 20:10

¹⁰ “If a man commits adultery with another man’s wife—with the wife of his neighbor—both the adulterer and the adulteress are to be put to death.

Jesus did not ignore the woman’s sin, He forgave it.

The past is present until it is healed.

We carry hurts into our relationships. That’s why God wants to heal us!

Mercy fulfills God’s requirement for justice.

