



My Mission Of Mercy

Get Out #7

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When he saw the crowds, he was deeply moved with compassion for them, because they were troubled and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he told his disciples, “The harvest is vast, but the workers are few. ³⁸ So ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest.” **Matthew 9:36-38 (ISV)**

Why should I be merciful?

- **Because God has shown me mercy.**
- **Because God commands me to be merciful.**
- **Because I will need mercy.**
- **Because showing mercy brings me happiness.**

How do I fulfill my mission of mercy?

1. **Be patient with people’s quirks.**

Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other’s faults because of your love. **Ephesians 4:2 (NLT)**

The man who makes no allowances for others will find none made for him. **James 2:13 (Ph)**

2. **I put myself in other people’s shoes.**

Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. **Romans 12:15 (NIV)**

3. **I help with people’s hurts.**

Never walk away from someone who deserves help; your hand is God’s hand for that person. **Proverbs 3:27 (MSG)**

...if you’re called to give aid to people in distress, keep your eyes open and be quick to respond; if you work with the disadvantaged, don’t let yourself get irritated with them or depressed by them. Keep a smile on your face. **Romans 12:7-8 (MSG)**

4. **I give people a second chance.**

Stop being mean, bad-tempered, and angry. Quarreling, harsh words, and dislike of others should have no place in your lives. ³² Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God has forgiven you because you belong to Christ. **Ephesians 4:31-32 (TLB)**

5. **Do good to those who hurt me.**

Love your enemies! Do good to them! Lend to them! And don’t be concerned about the fact that they won’t repay. Then your reward from heaven will be very great, and you will truly be acting as sons of God: for he is kind to the unthankful and to those who are very wicked ³⁶ “Try to show as much compassion as your Father does. **Luke 6:35-36 (TLB)**

- The people who deserve my love the **least**, are the ones who need it the **most!**

6. **I build bridges of love to the unpopular.**

... Matthew invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. ¹¹ But when the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with such scum?” ¹² When Jesus heard this, he said, “Healthy people don’t need a doctor— sick people do.” ¹³ Then he added, “Now go and learn the meaning of this Scripture: ‘I want you to show mercy, not offer sacrifices.’ For I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners.” **Matthew 9:10-13 (NLT)**

7. **I value relationships over rules.**

Jesus said to them, “Haven’t you read in the Scriptures what David did when he and his companions were hungry? ⁴ He went into the house of God, and he and his companions broke the law by eating the sacred loaves of bread that only the priests are allowed to eat. ⁵ And haven’t you read in the law of Moses that the priests on duty in the Temple may work on the Sabbath? ⁶ I tell you, there is one here who is even greater than the Temple! ⁷ But you would not have condemned my innocent disciples if you knew the meaning of this Scripture: ‘I want you to show mercy, not offer sacrifices.’ ⁸ For the Son of Man is Lord, even over the Sabbath!” **Matthew 12:3-8 (NLT)**