

# Be Merciful, even as your Father is Merciful

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## Making disciples is the essence of the Great Commission teaching to obey

Mat 28:20 ESV 20 **teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.** And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

- ***Being a disciple is constant movement toward obedience to Christ***
- ***Making disciples is helping another person in this process***
- ***Some "As I --- So You" commands - teach them to obey the Commands of Jesus***

Last time we looked at - **Forgive** one another as I have forgiven you

100 silver coins = 3 months of work...vs...60 million silver coins = 200,000 years of work

**Today - be merciful even as your Father is merciful**

## **NOTICE WHO JESUS IS TALKING TO - NOT EVERYONE IS IN THE MINDSET OF HEARING THIS**

Luk 6:27-36 ESV "But I say **to you who hear,** Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.

### **Be proactive with a response that honors God**

- **Love** your enemies (not endure, or strike out)
- **Do good** to those who hate you (not avoid)
- **Bless** those who curse you (intentionally speak well of them) - not gossip
- **Pray** for those who abuse you (abuse - to insult, slander: - use despitely, falsely accuse)

### **Treat others the way I want to be treated**

29 To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. 30 Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. 31 **And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.**

### **Go above and beyond what is typical / he is asking us to do something that requires HIM INSIDE**

32 "If you love those who love you, **what benefit is that to you?** For **even sinners love those who love them.** 33 And if you do good to those who do good to you, **what benefit is that to you?** For **even sinners do the same.** 34 And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, **what credit is that to you?** **Even sinners lend to sinners,** to get back the same amount.

### **Be merciful EVEN as your FATHER is MERCIFUL**

35 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. 36 **Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.**

- There is a great reward
- You will be sons of the Most High - like Father like son, chip off the old block

### **God treats us the way we treat others**

Luk 6:37-38 ESV "Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; 38 give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with **the measure you use it will be measured back to you.**"