

SOTM 6 - Blessed are the Merciful

Mat 5:7 ESV "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

The Lord is full of Mercy and Compassion

- Psa 145:8-9 ESV The LORD is gracious and **merciful**, slow to anger and **abounding in steadfast love**. 9 The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

We are called to be merciful like He is

- Luk 6:36 ESV **Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.**

God treats us the way we treat others

- Psa 18:25-26 ESV **With the merciful you show yourself merciful**; with the blameless man you show yourself blameless; 26 with the purified you show yourself pure; and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous.

We have been shown mercy, we have an obligation to be merciful

Mat 18:23-35 ESV "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. 24 When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him **ten thousand talents**. [SLIDE] 25 And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. 26 So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' 27 **And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.** [SLIDE] 28 But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, '**Pay what you owe.**' 29 So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' 30 **He refused and went and put him in prison** until he should pay the debt. [SLIDE] 31 When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. 32 Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. 33 **And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?'** [SLIDE] 34 And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. 35 **So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."**

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

Mercy is compassion action (Love your neighbor -- well, who is my neighbor?)

- Luk 10:30-37 ESV 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. 32 So likewise a **Levite**, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. [SLIDE] 33 But a **Samaritan**, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had **compassion**. [SLIDE] 34 **He went to him and bound up his wounds**, pouring on **oil and wine**. [SLIDE] Then he **set him on his own animal** and brought him to an inn and **took care of him**. [SLIDE] 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.**' [SLIDE] 36 Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" 37 He said, "**The one who showed him mercy.**" And Jesus said to him, "**You go, and do likewise.**"

1) **Willing to be Interruptible--** (AS he journeyed, WHEN he saw him)

2) **Willing to get Involved--**(bound his wounds, poured oil and wine)

3) **Willing to be Inconvenienced--** (set him on his OWN animal, took care of him)

4) **Willing to make an Investment--** (took two denarii, whatever you spend I will repay)