

# MERCY FORGIVES!

The Miracle of Mercy — Part 4  
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*“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 (TLB)

*“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 (TLB)

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

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

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

*“. . . God forgave all our sins. He canceled 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)

## 2. MERCY MEANS \_\_\_\_\_

### 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)

**Part 2 of this message is in your small group this week!**