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VIRTUES**

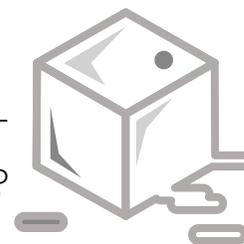
WEEK OF AUGUST 17, 2025

Forgotten Virtues: MERCY & GRACE

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ICEBREAKER

WHEN IS IT SOCIALLY ACCEPTABLE TO START
DECORATING FOR FALL?



UNDERSTANDING MERCY AND GRACE

- Are you someone who seeks out justice or are you someone who gives Mercy more often? Does it depend? Why?
- Read 1 John 1:6-9. Often we cannot see our own darkness, and if not, we cannot repent from it. How can we know when we are in darkness and what can we do to have a daily practice of repentance?
- Do you have more trouble asking for forgiveness or accepting it and why?
- Read Titus 2:11-12. Reflecting on where you are in your walk with Christ, how has God's grace helped you avoid the sin traps you fell into in your past?

GOD IS RICH AND MERCY

- Name a time when you received grace from someone and you didn't deserve it.
- Have you received the mercy of God? Share what that looked like.

- Mercy is God's pleasure to forgive us and cleanse us from sin, unrighteousness, and eternal punishment. Knowing this, how does that challenge you to intentionally show mercy as a daily practice? How would your relationships look differently if you were rich in giving out mercy?

FREELY WE RECEIVE, FREELY WE GIVE

- Pastor Mike described grace as paying the fine, inviting them into your home, etc. Most of us can see the need for justice, and apply mercy, but how freely do we show grace? How would your relationships change if you treated mercy as letting go of someone's debt to you and grace as going a step further to bless them anyways?
- The world says to condemn, cancel, judge, and destroy, but scripture says to forgive, cover, love, and restore. How can we raise the bar and be the example to freely receive and give justice, mercy, and grace?





ENCOURAGE

Let's cancel, Cancel Culture and show the world what God's grace and mercy look like! Remember there is a direct blessing on the person who is merciful as mentioned in Matthew 5.7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy."



ASK

Ask yourself how you can give/show mercy to your coworker, boss, family member, neighbor, or friend this week?



CHALLENGE

As freely as you want grace and mercy, freely give it out to others this week! Go out this week and practice letting go of the things you would typically seek revenge for. God's people should be different!

PRAYER

God, thank you for that you are rich in mercy and overflowing with grace. We do not deserve it, but you forgive us. Help us not to just receive your mercy, but also reflect it and give it to others. Help us let go of debts, forgive quickly, and bless others the way you bless us. Fill us with your holy spirit this week so that mercy and grace flows from us into all our relationships. We love you, we trust, you, we thank you, In Jesus' name, AMEN.