

Blessed are the Merciful
The Beatitudes
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Matthew 5:7

- Theme: The proverbial POUND OF FLESH is incapable of delivering to us what mercy can.
- How to be merciful
 - ✓ By not giving someone what they DESERVE
 - ✓ Be reminded how merciful God is TO US - Matthew 6:12
 - ✓ By not trying to EARN God's forgiveness - Ephesians 2:4-5 GNT
 - ✓ By remembering we will all FACE GOD one day - Matthew 6:14-15, 18:33 TLB, James 2:13 NCV
- We are called to show mercy... Micah 6:8 NIV, 2 Corinthians 5:16-19 NLT
 - 1) To those who make MISTAKES - Matthew 12:17-20 NLT
 - 2) To those who LET US DOWN - Luke 23:34, Colossians 3:12-13
 - 3) To those FAR FROM GOD - Matthew 9:10-13
 - ✓ Jesus connected before CORRECTED.
 - 4) To OURSELVES - Psalm 38:4-8 NLT
 - ✓ Disappointment is the gap between expectation and REALITY.
- 1 Timothy 1:13-15 NIV
- Let's stand before God having LOVED TOO MUCH rather than having JUDGED TOO HARSHLY.