



# THE **MIRACLE OF MERCY**

**“God Can Use Anybody”**

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# Mercy

compassion or forgiveness shown toward someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm.

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because  
of His great love with which He loved us,  
5 even when we were dead in trespasses,  
    made us alive together with Christ  
(by grace you have been saved),

Ephesians 2:4-5, (NKJV)

1. Never forget it's all because of God's mercy!

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...Give yourselves completely to God, every part of you, because you've been brought from death to life, and now you want to be used by God for good, and for his righteous purposes.

Romans 6:13  
Living Bible / Today's English Version

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I thank Christ Jesus...because He trusted me and gave me this work of serving Him. In the past I spoke against Christ and persecuted Him and did all kinds of things to hurt Him. But God showed me mercy...

**1 Timothy 1:12-13**  
New Century Version

You know what I was like...how I violently persecuted Christians. I did my best to get rid of them!...But then something happened! For it pleased God in His kindness to choose me and call me, even before I was born! What undeserved mercy!

**Galatians 1:13, 15**  
New Living Translation

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Every Saint has a past  
and  
Every Sinner has a future!

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2. Be real

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We don't try to trick anyone, and we don't twist the word of God. Instead we teach the truth plainly, showing everyone who we really are. Then they can know in their hearts what kind of people we are in God's sight.

**2 Corinthians 4:2**

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3. Remember it's not about me!

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Our message is not about ourselves.  
It is about Jesus Christ as the Lord.  
We are merely your servants for Jesus' sake.

**2 Corinthians 4:5**  
God's Word

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We are like clay jars in which this treasure is stored. The real power comes from God and not from us.

**2 Corinthians 4:7**  
Contemporary English Version

4. Use my pain to help others

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I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. Five times I received 39 lashes. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, I have been constantly on the move....

**2 Corinthians 11:23-28**  
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...I have been in danger from rivers...from bandits...from my own countrymen...from Gentiles; in danger in the city...in the country...at sea; and in danger from false brothers. I have...often gone without sleep; I've known hunger and thirst and often gone without food; I've been cold and naked. Besides everything else, I face daily pressure of my concern for all the churches.

**2 Corinthians 11:23-28**

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We often suffer, but we are never crushed. Even when we don't know what to do, we never give up. In times of trouble, God is with us, and when we are knocked down, we get up again.

**2 Corinthians 4:8-9**  
Contemporary English Version

All of these sufferings of ours are for your benefit. And the more of you who are won to Christ, the more there are to thank Him for his great mercy, and the more God gets glory!

2 Corinthians 4:15  
Living Bible

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This is why we never give up! Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. For our present troubles are quite small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us an immeasurably great glory that will last forever!

**2 Corinthians 4:16-17**  
New Living Translation

## 5. Stay focused on eternity

So we don't look at the troubles we can see right now; rather, we look forward to what we have not yet seen. For the troubles we see will soon be over, but the joys to come will last forever.

**2 Corinthians 4:18**  
New Living Translation

# The Key to Staying Focused: A Small Group

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A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. And three people are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.

**Ecclesiastes 4:12**  
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**Jesus: 'For wherever two or three come together in my name, I will be there with them.'**

**Matthew 18:20**  
New International Version

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