

A photograph showing two hands clasped together in a firm grip. The hand on the left is darker-skinned, and the hand on the right is lighter-skinned. They are positioned against a background of dark, horizontal wooden planks. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the skin and the wood.

THE MIRACLE OF MERCY

“Mercy Forgives”

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*15 “You gave them bread from heaven when they were hungry and water from the rock when they were thirsty. You commanded them to go in and conquer the land you had sworn to give them;
16 but our ancestors were a proud and stubborn lot, and they refused to listen to your commandments...”*

Nehemiah 9:15-16, (TLB)

They refused to obey and didn't pay any attention to the miracles you did for them; instead, they rebelled and appointed a leader to take them back into slavery in Egypt!

But you are a God of forgiveness, always ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to become angry, and full of love and mercy; you didn't abandon them...

Nehemiah 9:17, (TLB)

1. Mercy means God forgives me.

☐ God wants to forgive me.

☐ God freely forgives me.

☐ God graciously forgives 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 9:17, (TLB)

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)

...and in Him we enjoy our
freedom, the forgiveness of sin.

Colossians 1:14
New Jerusalem Bible

- ☐ God immediately forgives me.
- ☐ God completely forgives me.
- ☐ God righteously forgives me.

...God forgave all our sins. He cancelled
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)

2. Mercy means I forgive others.

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Forgive one another as quickly
and thoroughly as God in Christ
forgave you.

Ephesians 4:32, (TMB)

4 "Teacher," they said to Jesus, "this woman was caught in the act of adultery.

5 The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?"

6 They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger.

John 8:4-6, (NLT)

7 They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, "All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!"

8 Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust.

John 8:7-8, (NLT)

- ❑ Forgiveness is not conditional.
- ❑ Forgiveness is not forgetting.
- ❑ Forgiveness is not trusting.

3. Forgiveness is releasing it to God.

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Remember, the Lord forgave
you, so you must forgive
others.

Colossians 3:13, (NLT)