



MON 5-30

- ✓ SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:7
- ✓ THOUGHT "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy." [NIV] Jesus is identifying people who are truly blessed and pointing out the importance of showing mercy to others. This can be very difficult when we feel we have been wronged, but when we remember how Jesus has been so generous with mercy toward us, we can find strength to let go of our need to seek justice.
- ✓ PRAYER Merciful God, there are so many things you have forgiven me for. Please help me to remain humble when I am dealing with people who have wronged me. I want to love as Jesus loved. Amen.

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TUES 5-31

- ✓ SCRIPTURE Lamentations 3:22-23
- ✓ THOUGHT "Certainly the faithful love of the LORD hasn't ended; certainly God's compassion isn't through! They are renewed every morning. Great is your faithfulness." [CEB] The psalmist gave us a wonderful picture of hope. When we think of the newness of each day, we can give thanks for the continual supply of faithful love that God has for us. Just like each new day arrives without fail, so does God's compassion!
- ✓ PRAYER God of love, I mess up regularly and I am in constant need of your perfect love to renew me. Thank you that I can always count on this in my life. Amen.

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WED 6-1

- ✓ SCRIPTURE Micah 6:8
- ✓ THOUGHT "No, O people, the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." [NLT] If we want to honor our relationship with God, this is a good start! Humility is a requirement of those who want to follow God. When we consider others above ourselves, we will treat them well, and we will be quick to forgive.
- ✓ PRAYER Great and mighty God, help me to remember how desperately the world needs to experience your love and peace. Give me the courage to walk humbly, so I can be a source of your love and peace to the people in my life. Amen.

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THURS 6-2

- ✓ SCRIPTURE Psalm 23:6
- ✓ THOUGHT “Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever.” [NLT] David expressed his certainty that God’s goodness would pursue him his whole life. He experienced a lot of trials, and through the difficult situations he encountered and sometimes created, his faith in God’s goodness grew strong. What a great example for us!
- ✓ PRAYER God, bathe my heart in your goodness. Fill my mind with your love and make me a new person by granting your mercy each day. Reach through me and my influence to extend your love to others. Amen.

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FRI 6-3

- ✓ SCRIPTURE Colossians 3:12
- ✓ THOUGHT “Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.” [NIV] There is no better yardstick for us to use than Jesus as we measure these qualities in our lives. These characteristics are evidence of the love of Jesus active in us!
- ✓ PRAYER Lord Jesus, increase these things in my life! I want your love to change me every day. Forgive me when I become complacent or apathetic about my spiritual growth. Amen.

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SAT 6-4

- ✓ SCRIPTURE Psalm 86:5
- ✓ THOUGHT “You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you.” [NIV] What does it mean to call on God? Drawing near by talking to God--sharing your failures, struggles, and joys--deepens your relationship with God. It is in these moments of intimacy that we can sense God’s abundant love satisfying our longing to belong.
- ✓ PRAYER Loving God, I come to you today with gratitude for your forgiveness and love in my life. Help me today to see others as your precious children. I pray for wisdom to make choices that show my passion and joy clearly as I go about my business. Amen.

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DIGGING DEEPER

- ✓ **Intro** **This week we learned some important truths from the story of Noah and the flood. We determined that can we look at the story through the lens of Jesus. When we consider this story in light of the cross, we find that there's a different lesson to be learned about God's character and God's posture toward us when we sin.**
- ✓ **Reflect**
- What picture of God do you have when you make mistakes?
 - The ancient world did not have the benefit of the picture of God that Jesus completed for us. If you were trying to make sense of the world without the illustration of God's character that we see in Christ, you might assume that natural disasters were God's way of communicating displeasure. When you consider how Jesus responded to people who struggled with sin, what questions surface about the explanation of the flood by the ancient Jewish religion?
 - Read John 8:1-11 about the woman caught in the act of adultery.
 - What was Jesus' reaction to the crowd leaving?
 - What does this imply regarding his feelings about the law that dictated stoning?
 - What do the actions of Jesus tell you about the true nature of God?
 - Reflect on a time you were offered grace and patience when you did not deserve it; now imagine God offering you the same grace and patience when you sin. How does this change your picture of God?
 - Have you ever felt grief when someone continues to make poor choices? Do you grieve out of hatred and dislike or do you grieve out of love? Can you believe that God grieves because God loves you?
- ✓ **Pray** **Merciful God, enlighten me about how to understand these important ancient stories. Help me to always keep the example of Christ in the forefront of my mind when I am seeking to learn more about who you are. Thank you for the love of Christ in the world and the example of mercy you have clearly shown us through the cross. Amen.**



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✓ What did I learn? _____

✓ How might it apply in my life? _____

✓ What is a next step I can take? _____

