

What's Good: Love Mercy: A Call To An Alert Life

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I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall. I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me. Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for Him." The Lord is good to those whose hope is in Him, to the one who seeks Him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. Let him sit alone in silence when it is laid on him; let him put his mouth in the dust - there may yet be hope; let him give his cheek to the one who strikes, and let him be filled with insults. For the Lord will not cast off forever, but, though He cause grief, He will have compassion according to the abundance of His steadfast love.

Lamentations 3:20-32 (ESV & NIV)

There is always mercy amid the mess. The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end.

Lamentations 3:22

God's resources will meet your needs. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:23

Delay doesn't mean denial. I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for Him."

Lamentations 3:24 (NIV)

The LORD is good to those whose hope is in Him.

Lamentations 3:25 (NIV)

How can I increase my love for mercy?

Recognise your own _____(great need for mercy). But whoever has been forgiven little loves little. Luke 7:47 (NIV)

Reject a rigid, _____(right/wrong mentality).

“If this Man were a prophet, He would know who is touching Him and what kind of woman she is - that she is a sinner.”

Luke 7:39 (NIV)

Infuse mercy into your _____(language), your _____(demeanour). “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

Luke 7:50 (NIV)

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Is there a time when you were extended mercy or forgiveness that really impacted you?
2. How can you cultivate a deeper appreciation for mercy? Who around you could be greatly blessed by your words or actions of mercy?