

## "Mercy" = God withholding what we do deserve

## It's fair to say, ALL of us LOVE God extending mercy toward us, after we've blown it

#### Romans 5:8

## God's mercy withholds ALL of the just punishment, which was looming over our heads (the wrath of God)

### **Matthew 5:1-12**

## **BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL**

#### Matthew 5:7

## **Ephesians 2:1-10**

## Originally we are dead (there's no spiritual life in us)

""Offense" = Trespass; it'sintentional or unintentional sin; it is an all-encompassing term meaning wrongdoing

## Unless something changed, we were headedfull steam aheadtoward the wrath of God

## **Ephesians 2:3**

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# **Ephesians 2:4-7** We go from DEAD to truly **ALIVE with Christ Romans 12:14-21**

## Extending this type of mercy is ONLY possible, when we first see what God's done for us

# God may have put you in their life to be a breath of fresh air (to love on them like **Christ loved you)**

ALL of us are Broken... I recognize my brokenness ... I recognize my dependency to God for EVERYTHING ...

# I recognize God's mercy, God's grace and God's forgiveness...

## I recognize APART from Christ, I'm nothing...

## And I recognize that God desires to use me to point other broken people to a personal relationship with Himself

# Matthew 9:10-13 Matthew 12:1-7 Hosea 6:6

# God cares for and loves deeply, intimately, and personally **EACH and EVERY human** (we are precious to Him) **II Peter 3:8-9**

## If God responds to us in mercy that means we NEED to be quick to respond that way to other people

# SO WHAT?